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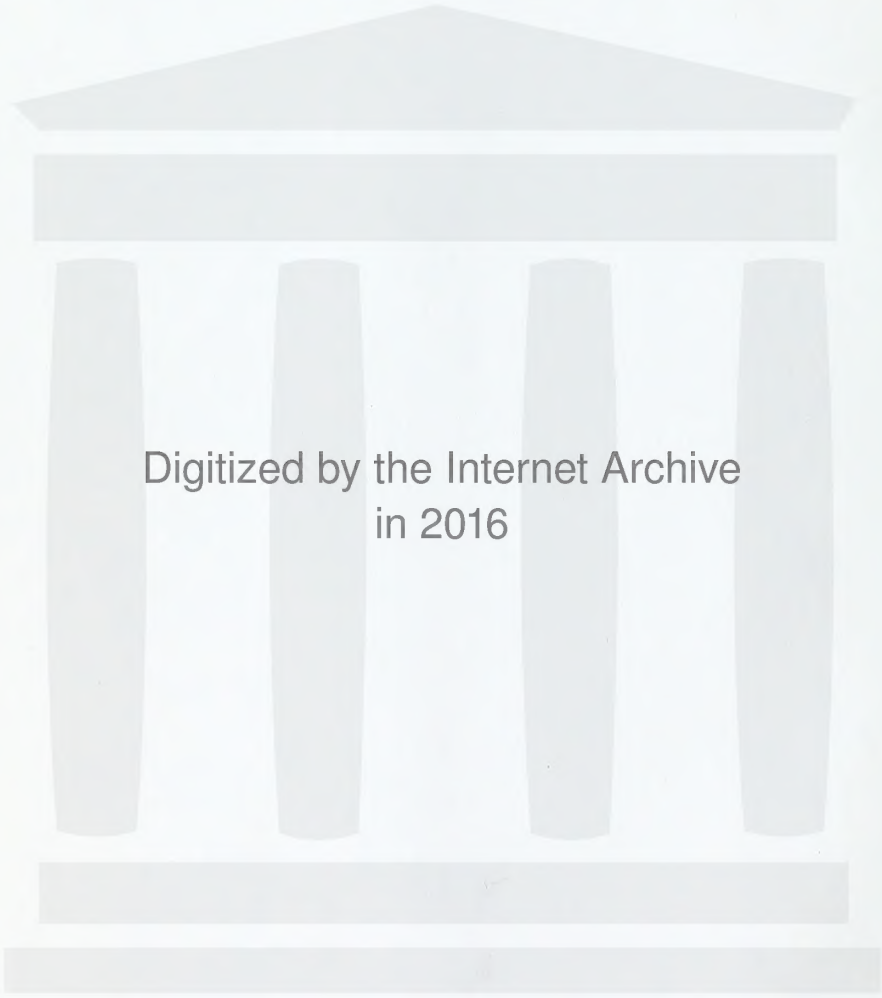
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GEORGIA'S PUBLIC MEN

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INTRODUCTORY.

IN presenting these brief biographies of the men who constitute the legislative, executive and judicial branches of our State government, there is no attempt at literary production, nor does this modest book make any serious claim to a place among historical works. Whatever value it may ever have in that respect must come in after years, when our children and grandchildren shall turn its pages to learn something of the men who were prominent in the public life of Georgia at the beginning of this Twentieth Century. Or, perhaps, it may be given additional value when some of these men, at least, have climbed high upon the ladder of fame; whereupon the generations to come, as well as the historian, may not disdain to find in these pages something of interest concerning their earlier career.

This book, which I have attempted to compile at odd times during a period of three months, while busily engaged in active editorial work on the *Atlanta Journal,* is but a modest effort at picturing in permanent form the life and lineaments of practically all the men who are at this time serving their State in distinguished public capacity. Blended into a whole, these short sketches should afford this, as well as future generations, a correct and altogether satisfactory impression of the political organization of this grand old commonwealth for the years 1902-1904.

Lack of time, as well as lack of ability, have prevented a more ambitious effort; but, even with these handicaps, at least one merit may be claimed for this volume—whatever it contains is as correct as is ever possible where such an amount of intricate data has to be secured from so many varied sources and embraced in so little space; while the illustrations are, in practically every instance, perfect likenesses of the men whom they represent as they appear near the close of the year 1902.

Some of them, as their portraitures tell, are old men; many of them laden with the honors which their people have heaped upon them; men who have labored long and well in the service of their State, but who must, before many years have passed, go to join those who have illustrated Georgia in public life in the days long gone by. Others, as their youthful faces and comparatively meagre biographies show, are just coming on the field of action, many of them appearing this year for the first time in the public

forum; but these are the old men of the future, and upon them already begins to devolve duties, in the performance of which their ability and fidelity are to be tested.

Georgia has been rich in statesmen, jurists and soldiers in the past. The life stories and the likenesses of many of her distinguished sons adorn the pages of more pretentious and more enduring volumes than this. But may we not hope that among all the names and faces contained even in this book will be found some future Crawford, or Forsyth, or Troup, or Cobb, or Lumpkin, Johnson, Jenkins, Stephens or Toombs—names that in themselves make Georgia great?

And may we not believe that these men who have succeeded to the guardianship of their State's destiny shall be "separate as the waves, but one as the sea," steadfast in the purpose to maintain Georgia's proud prestige as the Empire State of the South, ever aiming at the highest conception of constitutional government, and always adhering closely to their State's chosen device, "Wisdom, Justice, Moderation?"

Georgia's past, her present and her future are well calculated to inspire her sons to noble deeds and lofty aims. I do not know men if among the three hundred or more herein represented there are not those who will some day claim the attention of a more worthy historian than myself; if among them there are not more than one whose ability and civic virtue will shed upon Georgia as much lustre as has been shed upon her in the past. Some of them, indeed, have already achieved a fame which time will transform into greatness.

THOMAS W. LOYLESS.

Atlanta, Ga., December 10, 1902.

It is both a duty and a pleasure, in the introductory to this book, to give credit to those who have rendered valuable service in its compilation. I am under extra obligation to Messrs. Smith Clayton and George Lowe for their able and painstaking assistance, to the Wrigley Engraving Company for the unusually excellent illustrations that adorn these pages, and to the Byrd Printing Company, and to Mr. C. P. Byrd personally, for the extra effort and superior workmanship that have made this work, from a typographical standpoint, at least, one of the most perfect products that ever came from the press of a Southern publisher. T. W. L.

JOSEPH M. TERRELL, GOVERNOR.

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GOVERNOR JOSEPH M. TERRELL.

A LONG line of illustrious Georgians have graced the gubernatorial chair.

From the first settlement of this State, in 1733, one hundred and sixty-nine years ago, Georgia has been rich in men fitted to adorn her chief magistracy.

Under the Trustees; under the Crown; under the American Government, and under the four Constitutions of, respectively, 1777, 1798, 1868, and 1877, the people of this State have, in the main, been peculiarly blessed in having rulers who illustrated, in their administrations, that glorious motto which speaks from her coat of arms—"Wisdom, Justice, Moderation."

That it will be the guiding star of the administration of Georgia's sixty-eighth Governor is guaranteed by the distinguished, conservative and honorable conduct which has characterized the career of him who now enjoys the most commanding station in the gift of Georgians.

Joseph Meriwether Terrell was born on June the sixth, 1861, in the county of Meriwether, Georgia. The place of his birth was Greenville, a village of less than a thousand inhabitants. With the exception of five years he has lived in that village all his life. During those five years he resided on a farm in Meriwether County. Dr. Joel E. G. Terrell, his father, was a native of Wilkes County, Georgia. He moved to Meriwether while yet a child. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. W. Anthony, at Greenville, and after careful preparation entered the Atlanta Medical College. Of that time-honored institution he enjoyed the distinction of being the first graduate. Returning to Greenville, he began the practice of medicine and within a few years became one of the leading physicians in Western Georgia.

The subject of this sketch went to school in Greenville until he attained the age of fourteen. At that tender age he was placed in charge of his father's plantation. He managed it continuously, with remarkable ability, from 1876 until 1881. But even as the steady, industrious, manly country boy followed the plow from sun to sun there came to him the whisperings

of honorable, lofty ambition. He dreamed of the happy hour when the strong hand which ran the furrow would turn the pages of Blackstone. Not that he was ashamed of honest toil. Far from it. He gloried in honest toil. Still, he longed for a broader field of usefulness than the sun-swathed, narrow tract shut in by woods of green and canopied by blue skies—a theatre of action upon which he might enact, if not a better yet a higher part—a part in which mental prowess might work out problems for the public weal beyond the ken of mere physical power.

He worked on, patiently, hopefully, and, as everything comes to the man who waits, that happy hour came to the boy who waited.

Young Terrell read law for one year under the direction of Major John W. Park, of Greenville. It is safe to say that no young man ever studied with closer application. After standing a most creditable examination, he was admitted to the bar in February, 1882, by Judge Sampson W. Harris, of the Coweta Circuit. He opened an office in Greenville and entered, without delay, upon the practice of his profession. From the very first his efforts were crowned with success, and he has been succeeding ever since. Business flowed in upon the young attorney from all sides. Such was his ability, his energy, his integrity, his devotion to duty, that he landed, at a bound, in the confidence and affections of his people. No young man in the State ever rose more rapidly at the bar. But the people had no thought of allowing him to pursue the even tenor of his way in the courthouse. They saw in the magnetic and indefatigable young lawyer all the elements which go to make the successful public man. They began to call him up higher when they realized that his services were needed at the capitol. In October, 1884, he was elected to represent Meriwether County in the General Assembly.

He was at that time only twenty-three years of age, the youngest member of the House of Representatives. But his youthfulness did not interfere at all with his usefulness. His worth was recognized at once, and he was honored accordingly. He was made a member of the most important committees, the judiciary, local bills and temperance. His constituents were so pleased with the record which he made that he was returned to the House in October, 1886, by a handsome majority. While serving his second term he was chairman of the committee on county affairs and a member of the Judiciary Committee.

The Alliance wave swept over the county of Meriwether in 1888, and Mr. Terrell, who was a candidate for the third time, sustained the first and only defeat of his political career. But two years later, 1890, after one of the hardest fought and most intensely exciting campaigns ever held in Georgia, Mr. Terrell defeated the Alliance candidate and was nominated for the State

Senate. His opponent, not satisfied with the verdict of the party, ran in the election following and became the victim of a double defeat.

Honors were showered upon Mr. Terrell while State Senator, and right well did he sustain his reputation as one of the wisest young legislators in the State. He was not only made chairman of the Finance Committee, but was placed on the Committee on Rules, the Judiciary Committee, the Commitee on Congressional Districts, and the Committee on Public Schools.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Terrell, fresh from his conquests in the State Senate, was called upon to serve the people in the office of Attorney-General. He was elected to serve two years. Two distinguished lawyers opposed him for the nomination, but, by a two-thirds vote of the Convention, Mr. Terrell was made the candidate.

In 1894 his nomination was unanimous. He was elected, without opposition, in 1896, 1898, and 1900.

During his long and distinguished service as Attorney-General he repeatedly loomed up as a probable gubernatorial candidate. Toward the close of that service he became one of the most formidable political figures in the State.

Yielding to the urgent call of friends throughout the State, Mr. Terrell resigned the office of Attorney-General in February, 1902, and became a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

His opponents in the primary were Dupont Guerry and J. H. Estill, both of whom he defeated by a large majority.

Mr. Terrell married Miss Jessie Lee Spivey, October 19, 1886. She is a daughter of Thomas Spivey, a native of Texas, but who for many years has been a prominent planter in Harris County, Georgia. The Spivey home, about ten miles from Hamilton, is one of the fine, picturesque places of the county. Mrs. Terrell attended Wesleyan College, Macon, which institution she left in 1886, and was married in October of the same year.

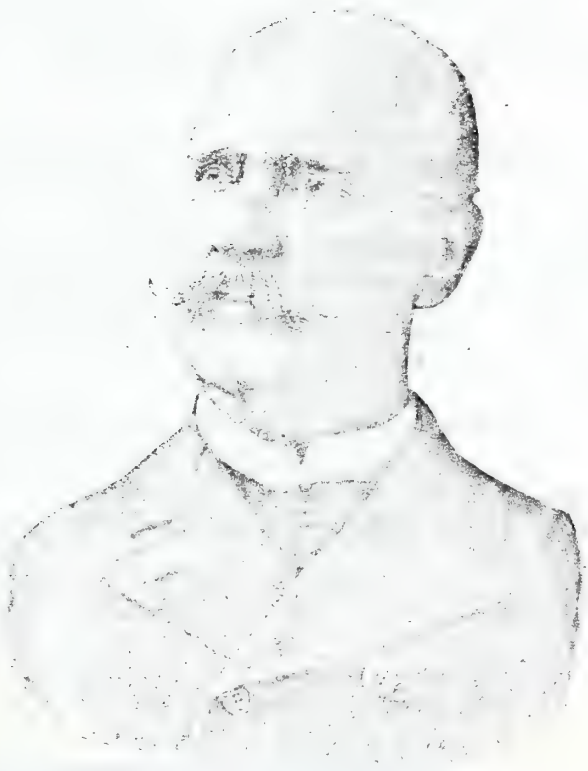
She is qualified in every respect to stand by the side of her distinguished husband—by right of birth, beauty, and intellectuality. Moreover, she is vitally concerned in all that affects her husband's welfare and success. No mistress of the mansion has ever combined more than she.

U. S. SENATOR A. O. BACON.

THE senior member of the United States Senate from Georgia is a native of South Georgia.—Augustus O. Bacon was born on October 30, 1839, in the county of Bryan. The foundation of his education was carefully laid in the schools of Liberty and Troup counties, and in his boyhood days he gave unmistakable promise of future distinction. He matriculated at the University of Georgia, where, after distinguishing himself both in the classical and literary departments, he graduated in 1859. Taking the law course at the same institution, he received his diploma in 1860. Just as he was beginning to embark upon his profession the tocsin of war sounded; and young Bacon, then in his twenty-first year, was among the first to answer the call to arms. He entered the Confederate army. During the campaign of 1861 and 1862 he was adjutant of the Ninth Georgia Regiment in the Army of Northern Virginia. He exhibited such excellent executive talent in that responsible position that he was made a Captain in the provisional army. Assigned to important staff duty, he remained in active service until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

At the close of the great struggle Major Bacon returned to Georgia, and in 1866 began the practice of law in the city of Macon. He took, from the first, a high stand at the local bar, and within a comparatively brief period forged to the front rank of the profession. For many years he has been recognized as among the foremost lawyers of the South. And during his illustrious service in the Senate, has shown himself able to cope with the best legal minds of that august tribunal, winning national renown as a constitutional lawyer.

In his young manhood, Senator Bacon developed a liking for public affairs. He evinced a lively interest in the labors of the Democratic party, often serving as delegate to State conventions. In 1880 his signal ability as a parliamentarian caused him to be called to the chairmanship of the State Convention. He has several times served as delegate to national Democratic Conventions. His first service of this character was in 1884, when Grover Cleveland received his first nomination and won his first battle as a candidate for the Presidency. Major Bacon was an elector on the Seymour and Blair ticket in 1868. In 1871 he made his first race for the Legislature. He was elected, and from that good year he has been one of the foremost figures in Georgia politics. He served fourteen years in all in the General Assembly, winning golden opinions from the people of all sections of the State by his



AUGUSTUS O. BACON, U. S. SENATOR.

ability as a legislator. He was speaker pro tempore two years. He filled the speaker's chair for eight years, and in this high position won fame as a parliamentarian which has never been matched in the annals of Georgia.

Senator Bacon has played a prominent part in many of the exciting political campaigns in this State. After one of the hottest contests ever waged in any State, he missed the nomination for Governor by a single vote. But nothing daunted, he did not give up the battle for gubernatorial honors. And, although in a following election he again met defeat when opposed by John B. Gordon, he did not relinquish hope of high political preferment, but simply bided his time. In a few years the Senatorial toga settled over his deserving shoulders.

In the seat rendered illustrious by Georgia's greatest men, Senator Bacon has shown himself altogether worthy as their distinguished successor. He has a mind of a very high order, and his services mark him as easily ranking with the leading intellects of those "most potent, grave and reverend seigneurs.

Among the many distinguished services which Senator Bacon has rendered the nation, the magnificent stand which he took against the Philippine policy of the Republican Party perhaps won him the greatest fame. In recognition of his notable work in this particular, he was made one of the leading members of the "joint committee of the two houses of Congress," which was sent on a tour of investigation of conditions in the Philippine Islands in 1901. This committee made an elaborate report to Congress.

Senator Bacon's first term expired March 3, 1901. He was re-elected for the full term by the Legislature chosen October, 1900.

ALEXANDER STEPHENS CLAY, U. S. SENATOR.

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U. S. SENATOR A. S. CLAY.

SENATOR A. S. CLAY, the junior member of the United States Senate from Georgia, has been a leading figure in the politics of the State for twenty years. He is yet a young man.

Beginning life on a farm in Cobb County, he won his way to high station by sheer force of self-reliance and native ability. His career furnishes still another strong example to the youth of the land that struggling merit and continuous vim will win eminence without wealth or prestige.

Literally speaking, Senator Clay rose from the plow-handles to the most august legislative body in the world. Attending the common schools of the county when time from farm duties would permit, he worked as he studied, and at length became a student of the Palmetto high school, Campbell County. The boy simply battled for an education. He paid his own way at Palmetto as he had done from the beginning. Leaving the high school, he entered Hiawassee College, graduating there in 1875.

It was then that his remarkable career really began. He determined to be a lawyer. For two years he studied hard under Judge David Irwin, one of the strongest lawyers in Georgia. Young Clay's nights were given to the mastery of Blackstone, his days to teaching the young idea how to shoot.

In 1877 he was admitted to the bar. His rise was rapid, and in a few years he took a high stand as a lawyer.

But Mr. Clay was born for the political arena. He entered it first in Marietta, his home town, when his fellow citizens elected him to the city council. It was not long before he became a leader in local affairs of the Democratic party. He worked his way steadily to leadership in State affairs. Two terms were spent as councilman, after which, in 1884, he was sent to the lower house of the General Assembly from Cobb County. He served continuously in the Legislature from 1884 until 1894. He was speaker pro tempore of the House two terms. He served one term as Speaker. He retired from this place to become Senator from the Thirty-fifth District. In recognition of his services to the State and the Democratic party, and because of his ability as a parliamentarian, he was elected President of the Senate.

In 1894 he was made chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee. Under his leadership, success for the party was won in a most hotly contested campaign against the combined forces of Populism and Republican-

ism. His arduous and striking service was repaid with re-election to the chairmanship of the State Executive Committee. In the summer of 1898, he resigned.

The Senatorial campaign, during which he was chosen as United States Senator to succeed General John B. Gordon, was launched by the unexpected death of Ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp, who had been nominated for the high position. In that memorable struggle, half a dozen party leaders of Georgia were candidates. Every inch of ground was strongly contested. There was a deadlock for a week.

The result was a splendid tribute to the powers and popularity of Senator Clay.

The services, which Senator Clay has rendered Georgia in the United States Senate, have been many and pronounced. But, perhaps, he won his greatest distinction when called upon by his party to lead the superb fight against the Ship Subsidy Bill during the session of 1901-2. The success which Mr. Clay won in the conduct of that celebrated contest, evoked the applause of the National Democracy and raised him, if possible, higher in the affection and admiration of the people of Georgia.

His present term will expire March 3, 1903. The Legislature which met October, 1902, re-elected him without opposition to the full term.

STATE HOUSE OFFICERS.

SECRETARY OF STATE PHILIP COOK.

PHILIP Cook, the Secretary of State, first saw the light on the twnty-fifth day of December, 1857, at the old Cook homestead in the county of Macon. The only son of his distinguished father, the late General Philip Cook, he has shown himself entirely worthy of his illustrious lineage.

He enjoyed exceptional educational advantages as a boy. William J. Northen, afterwards Governor of the State, was his first teacher. After seven years passed under his tutorship, young Cook became a student of the State University.

Several of his class-mates at that famous college won distinction. Two of the members of that class became Congressmen, to-wit, Hon. Wm. H. Howard and Hon. Wm. H. Fleming; three, George F. Gober, Hamilton McWhorter, and W. M. Henry, became Superior Court judges; and another member, W. Y. Atkinson, was made Speaker of the House of Representatives and afterwards elected Governor of Georgia.

Having completed his course, with great credit, at the University, in 1876, Mr. Cook took the classical course at Georgetown College, Washington, D. C., graduating there the latter part of the same year. Returning home, he studied law one year in the office of Judge Samuel Lumpkin, at Lexington. He was admitted to the bar, after passing a creditable examination, and began at once the practice of his profession. It was not long before he won his spurs at the bar. Attracted by his logic and eloquence, his fellow citizens gave substantial recognition of his ability by nominating and electing him to the State Senate from the Tenth Senatorial District. This was in 1896. He served in the Senate during the session of 1896-97. He made his mark as chairman of the Penitentiary Committee.

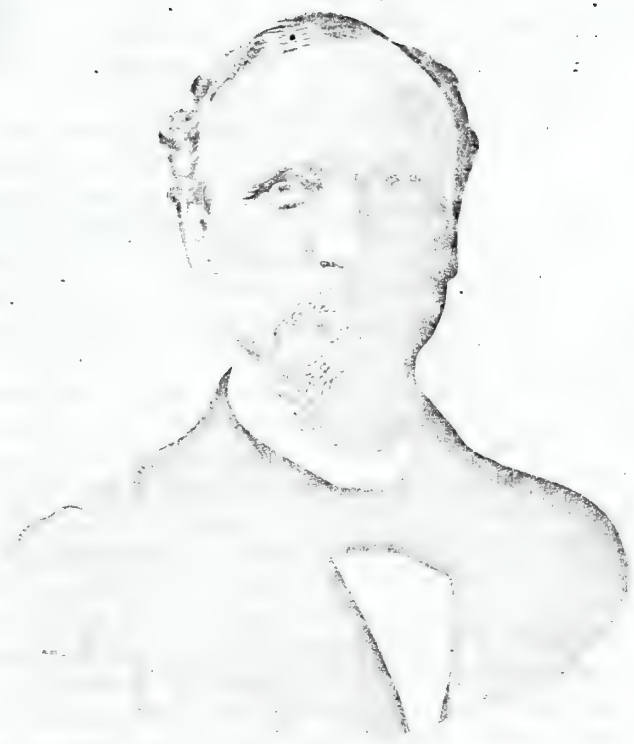
At the solicitation of friends, Mr. Cook, in 1898, became a candidate for Secretary of State. His opponent was Colonel Mark A. Hardin, a very popular and prominent man, who, upon the resignation of Hon. Allen D. Candler to enter the race for the Governorship, had announced for the position. The politicians thought that Colonel Hardin would easily defeat the

PHILIP COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE.

young aspirant. But Mr. Cook's senatorial record had made a wide and deep impression. He conducted his race with all the ardor and aggressiveness of an old campaigner, and when the smoke had cleared away it was found that he had won an overwhelming victory. He had carried 112 counties out of 137. The people had made his election practically unanimous.

Mr. Cook has a charming personality. He attracts and holds friends. Genial and gentle in manner, generous by nature, able in intellect, it is not surprising that he has achieved almost at a bound great and genuine popularity. Political prophets predict that Georgia's lovable young Secretary of State will yet win higher honors, and not without good reason. For, judging the future by the very notable record which this young man has made, things being equal, he will surely be called to higher service in the State. In the case of Mr. Cook, the time-honored saying, that the weight of a famous name handicaps a young man in the battle of life, does not hold good. On the contrary, the distinguished career of the father has proved an inspiration to the son, impelling him, by dint of individual merit, strong self-reliance, and the exercise of abilities, natural and acquired, to render himself as an entirely worthy successor to his renowned and beloved predecessor.

Mr. Cook was married, March 13, 1879, to Miss Minnie Lee Shackleford, the daughter of the late William G. Shackleford, member of the firm of Rucker, Chapman and Company, of Atlanta, at Lexington, Oglethorpe County, Georgia. The children are Sarah Lumpkin Cook, Philip Cook, Jr., Charles A. Cook, Arthur Cook, Minnie Lee Cook, Roberta Word Cook, Laurence Cook.



WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

COMP'T GEN'L WILLIAM A. WRIGHT.

GEORGIA has never had a better official than William Ambrose Wright, Comptroller-General.

He was born in Louisville, Jefferson County, an old capital of Georgia, January 19, 1844. He was educated at Prof. W. S. Lowrey's famous school. His distinguished father attended that school before him. Leaving school in May, 1861, young Wright was mustered in the Third Georgia Regiment as a private. This splendid body of men was organized and commanded by Ambrose R. Wright, the famous father of the subject of this sketch.

In August, 1862, Mr. Wright's father having been made a brigadier general, the son, while the command was marching from Richmond to Manassas Junction, was promoted to first lieutenant of artillery and ordnance officer of Wright's brigade. He served in that position until November 1, 1864, and then was assigned to post ordnance duty at Augusta, Georgia, filling that place until the war closed. He was in the great Seven Days' Battles around Richmond. On August 30, 1862, he lost his right leg in the second Manassas battle. Remaining in a farm house near the field three weeks, he then went home, where he stayed from October 1, 1862, until April 1, 1863. Then he returned to his command at Fredericksburg and, maimed as he was, continued in active service until June, 1863. In May of that year he took part in the battle of Chancellorsville. During June of the same year, after he had crossed the Potomac with his father, General Wright, at Sharpsburg, he was made a prisoner by New York scouts and taken to the headquarters of General Tyler, across the river from Harper's Ferry. He was imprisoned at Fort McHenry two weeks and then placed in Fort Delaware, where he remained three weeks. Then he was transferred to Johnson's Island, remaining there ten months; after which, in charge of a disabled band of Confederates, he was again transferred. They numbered several hundred. On this journey Lieutenant Wright was the only man who could walk. Having been regularly exchanged, a month later, he rejoined his command at Petersburg. There he was in several hot fights, including the Battle of the Crater. Subsequently he was detailed on service at Augusta, as before stated, where he had charge of ordnance supplies until the war ended.

After the war Mr. Wright devoted himself to cotton planting for three years in Jefferson County. His health failed and, in 1868, he took charge

of a farm in Columbia County. He lived there until 1877. Then he removed to Atlanta and accepted a position in the office of W. L. Goldsmith, at that time Comptroller-General of Georgia. When impeachment proceedings were instituted against Comptroller Goldsmith, Governor Colquitt named Mr. Wright to fill the vacancy. He was, in October, 1880, elected to the office of Comptroller-General. At every succeeding election he has been re-elected, without opposition. The first president of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Fulton County, he declined re-election after serving one term. He is now an aide on the staff of John B. Gordon, the Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

In October, 1871, he married Miss Nellie Carter, daughter of J. B. Carter, of Augusta. He was married again to Mrs. Mary Sledge, nee Miss Mary Cox, daughter of Judge A. E. Cox, of LaGrange, Georgia, on November 19, 1885. His children are A. R., Philip, Nellie and Annie Wright.

Ambrose Ransom Wright, the father of Mr. Wright, was born in Louisville, Georgia, in 1826. When about seventeen he married Mary Hubbell Savage. He became a lawyer and, after practicing in the Louisville Circuit until 1860, he removed to Augusta. There he organized the Third Georgia Infantry. He was made its colonel. In June, 1862, he was promoted to brigadier-general. He commanded a brigade until November, 1864. Then he was made a major-general. He was assigned to duty on the coast of Georgia and the Carolinas, remaining there until the surrender. In September, 1862, General Wright was wounded at Sharpsburg, Virginia. At the close of the war he resumed his law practice at Augusta, but later bought an interest in the *Augusta Chronicle*. He was made editor-in-chief. He was holding that position at the time of his death, in December, 1872. A short time before he had been elected to Congress.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, the chief clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, was born on the twenty-first of March, 1843, at Lumpkin, in the good old county of Stewart. His parents were Burwell K. Harrison and Eliza Woodson Harrison, nee Robertson. After attending an old field school for several years, he was thoroughly grounded in the branches of an academical education. Being a bright boy and hard student, he attracted the attention of distinguished and influential men. In 1858, when only fifteen years of age he was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, by the late Judge Martin J. Crawford, at that time the Representative in Congress from the old Second (Columbus) District.

Two years later he resigned his position as midshipman, and in 1861 entered the Confederate army as lieutenant in the Bartow Guards, Company E, Thirty-first Georgia Infantry. He was one of the youngest and most gallant lieutenants who ever drew a sword. He served with great credit under Generals A. R. Lawton, John B. Gordon and Clement A. Evans. He was promoted to the captaincy of the same company in December, 1862, and served until the surrender, at which time he was a prisoner of war at Ft. Delaware. He was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 29, 1862, and in the fight at Monocacy, Maryland, on July 9, 1864, but in neither instance, seriously.

Returning home he was honored by his fellow citizens by election to the clerkship of the superior court of Stewart County. After filling this position acceptably from 1866 to 1869, he was elected a representative in the General Assembly and served during 1878-1879. In 1883 he was made secretary of the executive department, which position he held until 1894. He was appointed chief clerk in the Comptroller-General's Office in 1896, and has dis-

charged the duties of that responsible position with faithfulness and credit to the present time.

Mr. Harrison enjoys the peculiar distinction of having never sought an office.

On May 4, 1869, he was married to Miss Clara Rebecca Rockwell at Lumpkin, Georgia. His interesting family consists of four children, namely: Henry C., William B., Gertrude R. (now Mrs. Horace Collingsworth), and Thomas G. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison is an exceptionally interesting man. As a soldier, he was one of the bravest; as an official, highly competent and popular; as a raconteur, one of the best in Georgia; as a man, true as steel. He deserves the devotion of his host of friends.

He springs from that remarkable family of Harrisons, who were conspicuous in England during the days of Oliver Cromwell. His great grandparents were Virginians, and related to that great and good man, General William H. Harrison, whose name the subject of this sketch bears.

COM'R OF AGRICULTURE O. B. STEVENS.

OBADIAH Benjamin Stevens, Georgia's Commissioner of Agriculture, is a native of Randolph County. Near the little town of Benevolence, in the fourth militia district of that county, he was born on the first day of August, 1847. It can be truthfully said that Mr. Stevens is a man "of the people, by the people, for the people." From farmer's boy to Commissioner of Agriculture of the greatest State in the South, he has always and at all times been close to the people, and many have attributed his wonderful success in the political field to this fact. However that may be, it can not be said of Mr. Stevens, as it has been said of many public men, that their attachment for the people is simulated. The truth is, it comes of inheritance as well as from long and continuous association with the producers.

Mr. Stevens' parents were plain people, but they were not shiftless, and from them he not only inherited a fine intellect and habits of industry, but was given such opportunities for improving his mind as the meagre advantages of a pioneer section afforded. It requires more seed to make a showing on some kinds of soil than on others, but in this instance such as were sown in the mind of this Randolph County farmer boy found fertile ground. He secured the rudiments, and to a mind such as his this was enough on which to build up a store of knowledge. In 1856, Terrell County was formed, parts of Randolph and Lee being taken for that purpose, and it was soon after this that Mr. Stevens' citizenship and connection with the history of Terrell County began, although many have erroneously written that he was born and reared in Terrell. To the little village of Dover Mr. Stevens' parents moved at the beginning of the war, and there he pursued his career on the farm; till later the opportunity to clerk in a country store came to him, and there he began to acquire a knowledge of business. It has been said of Mr. Stevens that with one exception everything that he was and is can be traced to its source. For instance, we know how he received his education (to which he added through observation and subsequent study); we know why he is a farmer and a good one (because he learned it between the plow handles); and we know how and when he acquired his splendid business training. But nobody knows how or why he became "the best politician in Georgia," as he is often called. Some say it is simply due to his ability to get close to the people—the fact that he understands them, and they

O. B. STEVENS, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

understand him. But if politicians, like poets, are born, not made, Mr. Stevens undoubtedly brought his qualities of political leadership into the world with him. He has been a leader in politics almost since the day he entered it. Up to the early eighties Mr. Stevens had seemed to care nothing for politics, being content to pursue his calling of planter and warehouseman, in both of which he was eminently successful. In the warehouse business, of course, he came in direct touch with the farmers, and he had no trouble in winning their esteem and confidence. Indeed, he became the adviser of most of them and the financial reliance of many—in those days when banks were few and interest charges high.

In 1884, opinion seemed to turn upon "Tobe" Stevens, as everyone called him, as a man who would make a safe and energetic legislator. He was elected and served with distinct credit to himself and section. He was re-elected and served two more terms, 1886-87. And thus began Mr. Stevens' political career. From that time on he has been a political leader in his State and section. It has been said that "more heads will pop out when Tobe Stevens shakes the bush than for any man in Georgia." Thorough organization, attention to detail and absolute faithfulness to his friends has been the secret of his wonderful success in politics.

In 1896, Mr. Stevens was again called to public life, being chosen Senator from the Eleventh Senatorial District. He served two years acceptably.

When his senatorial term ended, he became a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. His opponent was Hon. R. T. Nesbitt, of Cobb County, who had filled the office of Commissioner for several terms. Mr. Stevens made one of the most remarkable fights ever made in Georgia, and won by a magnificent majority.

Mr. Stevens thoroughly understands the needs of the farmer and, without detracting one iota from the work of his predecessors in this important office, it can be safely stated that the management of the Agricultural Department under the present incumbent has been characterized by progressiveness, intelligence and splendid executive and business ability. That he has enhanced the general efficiency of the Department of Agriculture can not be denied.

Under Commissioner Stevens, "Georgia, Historical and Industrial," a large and handsomely illustrated volume, was issued by the department of agriculture in 1901. It was issued in obedience to "the growing demand for information concerning the industrial resources and possibilities of Georgia, as shown by inquiries almost daily received, not only from the State, but also from every section of the Union."

In one of the recent "Monthly Talks" of the department of agriculture, Mr. Stevens said of this book, through a desire to give credit to those who assisted him in its compilation:

"In conducting this talk may I be pardoned for alluding once more to our new book? I say our, for not only did I work unremittingly to secure the necessary information, but Mr. R. F. Wright, my indefatigable assistant, and Professor J. T. Derry, the well-known Georgia writer, worked diligently and carefully upon its preparation."

This book is unquestionably the most complete, specific and comprehensive compilation of its kind ever published about Georgia.

It is not surprising that the people, in recognition of the superior qualifications of Mr. Stevens for the position which he holds—and the fine discernment which he has shown in the general management of the department of agriculture—re-elected him overwhelmingly in 1902.

Mr. Stevens is pre-eminently a practical man. He conducts his department along the same lines which made his business as planter and warehouseman successful. He is earnest, thoughtful, courteous, full of resources. His public career stamps him as one of the best-equipped men in the State for usefulness in public station. He is to-day a wonderfully popular public man. He is still in the prime of life, and the possibility is strong that the near future holds for him loftier honors than those which, by sheer force of strong common sense and sleepless energy, he has worthily won and modestly wears.

On the sixteenth of October, 1867, Mr. Stevens married Miss Julia A. Lofton, the daughter of James B. Lofton, a prominent merchant of Terrell County. The union was blessed with seven children, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. Frank Nasworthy (deceased), William J. Stevens, Mrs. M. J. Yoemans, of Dawson; Mrs. M. J. Janes, of Griffin; O. B. Stevens, Jr.; Miss Ella C. Stevens, Robert L. Stevens.

ROBERT FRANKLIN WRIGHT.

ROBERT FRANKLIN WRIGHT, the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, was born on the seventeenth of March, 1850, in Newton County. His parents were Franklin and Salina Wright. When the subject of this sketch was fifteen, his father removed from the paternal farm in Newton to the classic town of Oxford in order to give his children the benefit of its fine educational advantages. Robert Franklin graduated at the noted Methodist College there in 1872. He became principal of the high school at Lawrenceville. In November, 1878, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Janie Tate at Elberton, Ga. The union was blessed with five children; three sons, and two daughters, F. T., O. T., Robert and Misses Norma and Thelma Wright. Removing to Elbert County in 1880, Mr. Wright took charge of the Elberton High School. He was principal four years. He resigned this position and entered commercial life, becoming a prominent factor in the upbuilding of that progressive town.

In 1890, Mr. Wright was made an official of the State Penitentiary by Governor Northen. His administration was characterized by reforms in Georgia's prison system, looking to State supervision of misdemeanor convicts. During Governor Atkinson's administration, after making personal inspection of the convicts, Mr. Wright made his famous report urging the placing of misdemeanor convicts under State supervision. The Governor at once transmitted this document to the Legislature. The suggested reform was adopted.

When, in 1898, Colonel O. B. Stevens opposed Colonel R. T. Nesbitt for Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Wright strongly supported Mr. Stevens. The latter was elected and Mr. Wright was immediately made Assistant Commissioner. He has filled the position since his appointment with ability, earnestness and zeal.

Mr. Wright is still in love with farming. Devoted to the routine of his

office, active in promoting the farming interests of Georgia, he is at the same time a successful farmer on his own hook.

Not only is the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture a practical farmer, but he is a splendid business man as well, and is thoroughly familiar with all the routine of the department's work. He has rendered Commissioner Stevens invaluable assistance and much of the success of the Department of Agriculture for the past four years is due to his faithful and indefatigable services. He is at all times wide-awake and fully alive to everything that pertains to the agricultural and material interests of Georgia. It is no flattery of Col. Wright to say that he is commonly regarded as Commissioner Steven's logical successor, whenever the latter sees fit to give up the important work to which he has so faithfully and efficiently devoted the past four years of his life. It would, indeed, be fortunate for Georgia to be able to continue this department in such efficient hands.

ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN C. HART.

JOHN C. HART, the Attorney-General of Georgia, is a man of whom any State would be proud. He does not belong to that class of public men who spring up in a day, shine, for a brief moment, dazzling the multitude,—then fade away like meteors, leaving in their train naught but useless, struggling trails of vanishing, pale fire. But to that other class of public servants, who, beginning life with a fixed purpose, rise by steady, patient, intelligent effort until the substantial heights of public usefulness have been scaled; heights whose foundation is laid in thoroughness and continuous, solid toil.

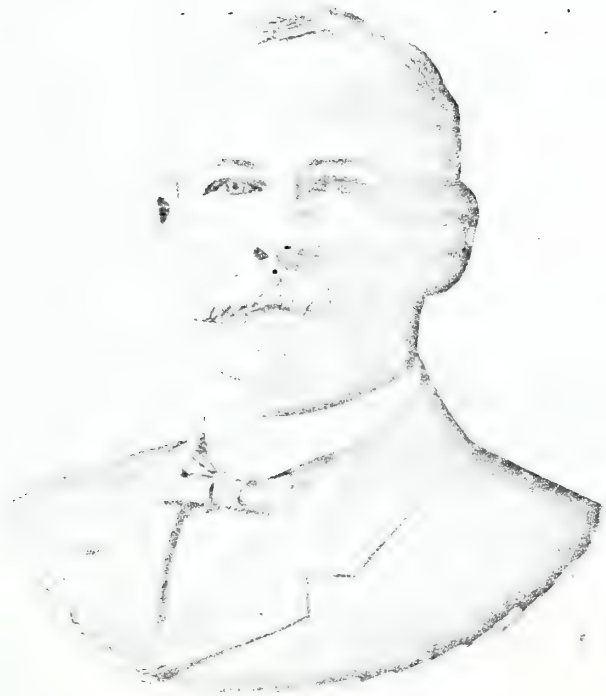
Mr. Hart has done the State substantial service and, if all good signs do not fail, his recent elevation to the Attorney-Generalship by unanimous popular consent is but the prelude to a fresh career which will be replete with still larger, lasting benefits to Georgia. Such a career is certain if the measure of his usefulness, his mental poise, his judicial merit, his calm courage and high integrity, both at the bar and on the bench, are sound standards of advance judgment.

Mr. Hart was born in the good old county of Greene, in 1854, and still lives on the old homestead where as a boy he developed usefulness about the farm, and during his spare hours drank his first draughts of wisdom at the feet of the pedagogues of the old field school.

By the way, how will the State ever adequately discharge its heavy indebtedness to the memory of the dear old field school teachers who, in the past, taught so many young men how to climb toward greatness and goodness in her service?

After careful preparation, young Hart entered the University of Georgia in 1873. There his genial manners and fund of humor soon made him a great favorite with students and faculty, to say nothing of the kindly regard which his fine social qualities and entertaining conversation won him among the fair sex.

He was an attentive student, taking a good stand in his classes, but his hobby, if such an evenly balanced student ever had, was his fondness for debate. He attended regularly the meetings of the old Demosthenian Society, and, after thorough investigation of the subject, always took part in the discussions. The result was that he not only ranked among the best debaters at the University, but easily bore off the Junior medal for excellence in discussion.



JOHN C. HART, ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Upon leaving college, in 1875, he studied law, and a year later was admitted to the bar. He began the practice in his home county of Greene and steadily won his way to a large clientele. He was wedded to his profession, eschewing politics for many years.

But in 1884 he entered public life, about the same time as Governor Terrell, his predecessor in the office of Attorney-General. Mr. Hart's fellow citizens, appreciating his energy in legal acumen, broad mind and sterling worth, elected him as their representative in the General Assembly. He served during 1884-85, and was again chosen representative, serving in 1888-89. He made an excellent legislator, leaving his impress upon the records of the State.

In 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Irene Horton, a charming lady of Augusta, Georgia. The happy union was blessed with five children, three boys and two girls.

In 1894 Mr. Hart was called to the bench. In that year he was elected by the Legislature to the judgeship of the Ocmulgee Circuit. For eight years he filled that high office with distinguished ability.

In the early part of 1902, at the solicitation of admiring friends, he resigned from the bench and entered the field for Attorney-General. There was no race. His record was before the public. They had pronounced it good. They sealed the verdict by electing him, without opposition, to the exalted office which his natural ability, acquirements and long training so eminently fit him to adorn. He was chosen Attorney-General of Georgia by one of the most complimentary votes ever given a public official.

SCHOOL COM'R WILLIAM B. MERRITT.

PROF. W. B. MERRITT, State School Commissioner, is a native Georgian. He was born in Marion County, June 15, 1865. He is the son of the late W. B. Merritt, who graduated with honor at Emory College and was noted as a man of culture and learning. Mr. Merritt's first teacher was his father. He attended the common schools of his section, at one time walking four miles to the village high school. He studied, also, at the high school of Friendship, Georgia, and at Weston, Georgia.

For several years he served "apprenticeship" on his father's farm. There he enjoyed fine advantages for "nature study" and manual training. He now owns that farm and directs the farming operations thereon.

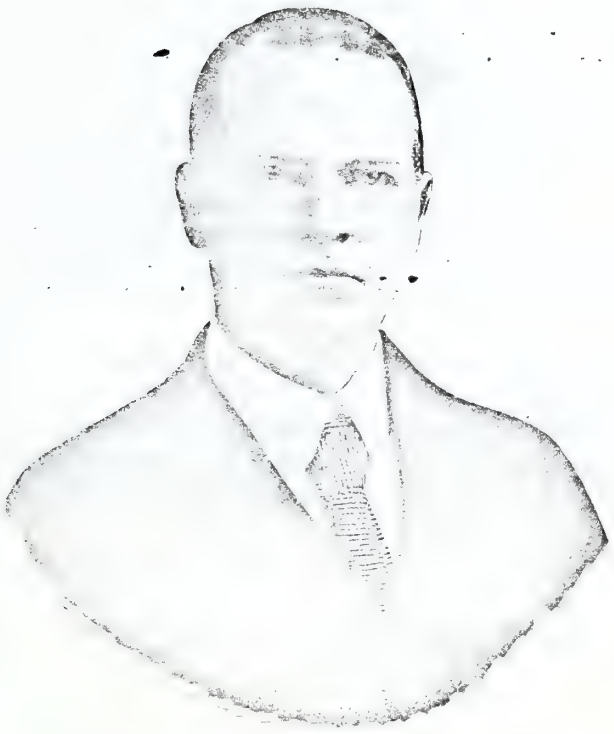
He entered Emory College in 1883, and having completed the full A. B. Course in that institution, graduated with distinction in 1885. He paid the expenses of his college course.

In the fall of 1885, he began his career as a teacher as assistant to Prof. C. E. Grubbs. He was next in charge of a school at Ellaville, Georgia, and then at Richland. He was afterward made principal of the high school at Zebulon and, later, at Montezuma. He then became principal of the high school at Columbus, Georgia, filling the position satisfactorily four years. He was re-elected for the fifth year, but being offered the superintendency of the schools of Valdosta he accepted the place. Whenever Mr. Merritt changed places he did so with a view to promotion. He has been superintendent of the Valdosta city schools seven years and a half, and in connection with this has been County School Commissioner two and one-half years.

In 1895 Mr. Merritt married Miss Katie Pope, the daughter of the late Judge J. S. Pope, of Zebulon. He was called, in 1896, to the secretaryship of the Georgia Educational Association, and for two years discharged its duties with great efficiency.

Mr. Merritt has taken special interest, as County School Commissioner, in establishing school libraries and in encouraging patrons to supplement the public school term with two or more of private school. In a majority of the schools of Lowndes County, these and other progressive steps have been taken with gratifying success.

Mr. Merritt has also been much in demand as instructor of Teachers'



W. B. MERRITT, STATE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

Institutes and speaker at educational rallies. While teaching in Pike County, in 1889, he organized one of the first Teachers' Institutes ever held in Georgia.

The late Governor W. Y. Atkinson made him a member of the Text Book Commission, which was appointed to investigate the important subject of text book uniformity in the public schools of Georgia.

The Commission made an elaborate report to the Legislature which demonstrated how well its labors were performed.

Since leaving college, Mr. Merritt has devoted his life to teaching, first in the country schools, then in the high schools. His remarkable success as an educator has been exemplified not only by swift promotion but the pronounced satisfaction which his efforts have given the authorities.

He is a progressive educator, his thorough equipment for his life work having been systematically secured in actual school experience.

The announcement of his candidacy for State School Commissioner, in 1902, was cordially received by leading men all over the State. He made a quick but extended tour and impressed the people as a sincere, practical, thoroughly experienced educator, and a man of sterling worth and great force of character.

The result was that Dr. G. R. Glenn, who for several terms had been State School Commissioner, was defeated by a heavy majority.

Those who know Prof. Merritt and have watched his splendid career, predict that his administration of the Department of Education will be one of the most successful in the State's history.

ADJ. GEN'L JAMES W. ROBERTSON.

COLONEL JAMES W. ROBERTSON, the Adjutant-General of Georgia, was born in Augusta, Georgia, August 12th, 1830. After graduating at the South Carolina Military Academy in 1850, he pursued the profession of civil engineering two years. On May 18th, 1852, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Park, of Greene county, the wedding taking place at Marietta, where, at that time, she resided. Their only child is Mrs. Howard C. Correll, of Marietta. In 1852, Colonel Robertson was elected commandant of the Georgia Military Institute at Marietta. At the end of two years he resigned this position to take up civil engineering again.

After devoting several years to his profession, he was chosen in 1858, superintendent of the Military Academy of LaGrange, Alabama, a school to which the State gave one beneficiary from each senatorial district.

Colonel Robertson won distinction in the war between the States.

It was in April, 1862, after the battle of Shiloh, that nine companies of soldiers were sent to LaGrange. From that point the regiment went to Corinth, Mississippi, as the Federals were marching on LaGrange in force. Colonel Robertson was elected colonel of this regiment on the day before it entered Corinth. He was assigned to Breckenridge's division with a regiment. He was engaged in the battles around Vicksburg, Mississippi, and in the battle of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In his report of the battle of Baton Rouge General Breckenridge used this language: "Colonel Thompson being seriously wounded in the charge the command devolved upon Colonel J. W. Robertson of the Fifty-fifth Alabama, whose conduct fully justified the confidence of his troops."

Colonel Robertson, some time after, was transferred to the engineer corps. He was ordered to Mobile, Alabama, and placed in charge of the defenses of the lower bay. In 1863 he was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina. In 1864 he was sent to Florida and given charge of the fortifications of that State. He remained there until the end of the war.

After the war he butchered in Cuthbert to get money enough to return to Marietta.

Returning to Marietta he was employed by the State railroad to rebuild bridges over the Chickamauga river. Later he was made chief engineer of the South and North Railroad of Alabama, now part of the Louisville and

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Nashville system. Then he became chief engineer of the Georgia Western Railway of Georgia, now part of the Southern system. Later still he was appointed superintendent of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad.

In 1874 Colonel Robertson turned his attention to manufacturing. In that year he was elected president of the Roswell Manufacturing Company of Roswell, Georgia. Ten years later he built the plant of the Porter Manufacturing Company, which is located six miles from Clarkesville, Georgia.

Governor Gordon appointed him railroad commissioner in 1890. He served in that capacity until compelled to resign on account of private business. He was in charge of the Porter Manufacturing Company and the Roswell Manufacturing Company until serious illness in 1898 forced him to retire from active business.

He was appointed Adjutant-General of Georgia by Governor Candler, succeeding John McIntosh Kell, deceased. Colonel Robertson, as his whole record shows, is not only a man of work, but of remarkable versatility. Winning success as military commander, engineer, railroad man, railroad commissioner, business man, his career, so full of good service to the State, both in war and in peace, undoubtedly justifies the belief that he would have achieved high renown in the political arena. That he has in him the elements which make statesmen cannot be doubted. But he has steadily declined to run for office.

STATE LIBRARIAN C. J. WELLBORN.

CARLTON J. WELLBORN, State Librarian, is serving his second term in that position, but between the two terms has occurred a lapse of forty years. Judge Wellborn is a native of Union County, Georgia, where he was born April 8, 1836. His father, Johnson P. Wellborn, was one of the leading men of the county, and served for fourteen years in the General Assembly, being at various times member of each branch.

Judge Wellborn was married at Milledgeville, when that place was the capital, to Miss Sarah M. Candler, a member of the noted family of that name in the State. She was a cousin of Ex-Governor Allen D. Candler. Of the children born to them, there are now living: Carlton J. Wellborn, Jr., now Representative from Union county; Dr. E. C. Wellborn, a prominent dentist

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of Blairsville, and Mrs. Louisa Wellborn Jones, wife of Col. R. P. Jones, of Waynesboro, Ga.

The public career of Judge Wellborn has extended over a period of more than forty years, and he is now occupying the same position with which he began. He was appointed State Librarian in 1858 and held the position two years. At the outbreak of the war he was appointed Quartermaster of the Tenth Regiment of State troops, and held the position until transferred to the head bookkeeper's office of the Western & Atlantic Railroad. He served in the Senate from 1868 until 1872, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1877. In 1878 he was again elected to the Senate, and was later elected Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit. In 1882, when the Northeastern circuit was created, he was elected Judge and served two years, being succeeded by Judge Estes. At the expiration of Judge Estes' term, Judge Wellborn was again elected and served two consecutive terms. After retiring from the bench, where he had an honorable and distinguished career, he was elected to the secretaryship of the Senate for a term. Later, under the Democratic administration, he was appointed Assistant Attorney-General for the Interior Department at Washington, and held the position six years.

After spending several years in the peacefulness of private life, Judge Wellborn was called to the office of State Librarian once more, being appointed by his friend of many years, Governor Allen D. Candler, in November, 1901. Since that time he has filled that important position acceptably and with the fidelity which has ever distinguished his public service. During his long public career he has been intimately associated with several generations of the leading men of the State and has numbered his friends by hundreds. He is a gentleman of the old regime in the true sense of the term, an able lawyer, an upright and capable jurist, a public official with a splendid record for fidelity in every trust imposed upon him.

STATE CHEMIST J. M. McCANDLESS.

PROF. JOHN M. McCANDLESS was born in Camden, S. C. He removed to Atlanta in early boyhood, and was educated chiefly by his father. After leaving his father's tutelage, he entered the University of New York for four years. He studied chemistry there under Prof. John W. Draper, the celebrated authority on that wonderful science. Graduating with the degree of B. A., he decided that he would follow the profession of chemistry, for which he had been admirably qualified. He returned to Georgia and became a student, in the laboratory at Athens, of Professor H. C. White, then State Chemist. There he showed such remarkable aptitude for the practical side of the science that Professor White declared him to be a wonderfully bright pupil and predicted that he would attain eminence in his profession.

In January, 1885, Professor McCandless opened a laboratory in Atlanta, as analytical and consulting chemist. He soon won a wide reputation. By reason of his exceptional knowledge and skill he was made the chemist of the Atlanta Board of Health. His services in that capacity made him very prominent. At that time the water supply of Atlanta was a problem of great moment to the people. To this subject, Professor McCandless gave special study. His suggestions in regard thereto were always full of expert intelligence and common sense. Drs. Armstrong and Baird, the most active members of the Board of Health, sought his advice on all points looking to the solving of the problem.

Later on Professor McCandless performed important public service by his opposition to Atlanta's so-called artesian well. Much money had been wasted in the effort to get a satisfactory well. Failure followed upon failure. The matter gave rise to popular discontent. The people were divided on the subject. The opposition of Professor McCandless to continuing the useless and expensive work was effective. Indeed, it may be truly said that he was largely instrumental in stopping this work. He showed great energy about this time in preserving the old waterworks supply system of Atlanta from contamination. The accomplishment of this noble public purpose was due largely to him.

From the first he advocated the selection of the Chattahoochee River as the source, with a filter plant connection, of Atlanta's water supply. He made suggestions and submitted plans to this end which, at last, led to the present excellent system. To him, probably, more than to any man, is Atlanta indebted for the abundance and purity of her water.

PROF. JOHN M. McCANDLESS, STATE CHEMIST.

He accepted the professorship of chemistry in the Southern Medical College, in 1889, but, after a time, pressure of professional duties compelled him to resign the position.

In 1898, Commissioner of Agriculture Stevens, looking for a man of the highest capacity in his line for State Chemist, offered the position to Professor McCandless. His previous business connection as analytical and consulting chemist to the large chemical works of the State peculiarly fitted him for the discharge of the duties of the office. He has signalized his incumbency by suggesting and actively aiding in carrying out badly needed reforms in the oil and fertilizer laws of the State, raising the quality and safety of the oils and the grade of the fertilizers sold in Georgia.

The wisdom of Commissioner Stevens' selection has been amply demonstrated by the eminently satisfactory services which Professor McCandless has rendered the State.

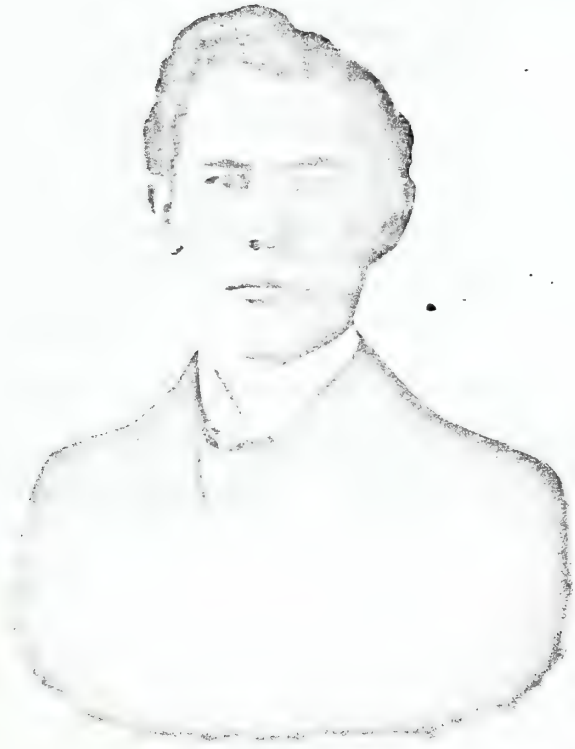
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST W. M. SCOTT.

PROF. W. M. SCOTT, Georgia's first State Entomologist, was born May 3, 1873, at Sugar Grove, Virginia. It was in the harvest field and between the corn rows that his first schooling was gotten, his father, L. M. Scott, a successful farmer of Smith County, Virginia, directing his early education.

In his early boyhood he first laid the foundation of his agricultural and horticultural training by practical work on his father's farm. Having finished his academic course at the Glade Springs Military Academy, Virginia, he took the Horticultural Course in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he not only stood high as a student, but also won medals of distinction in the literary societies. Graduating from that institution at the head of his class, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1896, he was a once chosen assistant horticulturist and entomologist of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. He held this position acceptably until appointed State Entomologist of Georgia.

Meantime he studied a special course in Entomology at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated with the degree of Master of Science in Entomology in 1898.

On March 1, 1898, Commissioner of Agriculture Nesbitt appointed him State Entomologist on the recommendation of the Georgia State Horticultural Society.



PROF. W. M. SCOTT, STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

Beginning his work by thoroughly inspecting the fruit-producing regions of Georgia, he located the various insects which attack orchards and nurseries. He devoted special attention to the investigation of the San Jose scale, the dreaded insect pest which threatened to destroy the fruit interests of the State.

In the main, he has succeeded in applying remedies for insect pests. But in many cases he has been forced to condemn and demolish thousands of infected trees to save the State from the spreading diseases. He has found it necessary to employ compulsory measure in comparatively few instances. As a rule nurserymen and fruit-growers have promptly co-operated with him in the execution of the laws.

Mr. Scott is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the Association of Economic Entomologists, and is Secretary of the Georgia State Horticultural Society. His publications have dealt principally with insects and diseases of horticultural crops, and his bulletins on the treatment of the San Jose scale are especially creditable.

On March 21, 1900, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Mary Florence Roop, daughter of F. S. Roop, one of the most prosperous stock farmers of Southwest Virginia.

Since his appointment to the position of State Entomologist Mr. Scott has made his home in Atlanta and has acquired large orchard interests in Cobb and Habersham counties. He is therefore enabled to give his much sought for advice to fruit growers from a practical standpoint.

STATE GEOLOGIST W. S. YEATES.

HON. WILLIAM SMITH YEATES, the State Geologist, was born in Murfreesboro, Hertford County, North Carolina, December 15, 1856. He is descended from fine old Revolutionary stock. Jesse Yeates, his great-grandfather, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, was a member of Colonel Hardy Murfrees' regiment. He fought in the battles of King's Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, the Cowpens and Stony Point. He was also a captain in the War of 1812.

Mrs. Virginia Scott Yeates, his mother, was the granddaughter of General John Scott, of Virginia.

The father of the subject of this sketch, Jesse L. Yeates, was a man of great distinction. He was a major in the Confederate Army, attached to the Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment. After the war he became a prominent lawyer of Eastern North Carolina. He represented the First District of North Carolina in the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses of the United States.

After preliminary schooling in the primary and high schools of Murfreesboro, Professor Yeates attended Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, a year and a half. He then entered Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, where he studied three and a half years. He graduated there June, 1878, taking the B. A. Degree. Three years later that institution conferred upon him the degree of M. A. in consideration of the further prosecution of literary and scientific studies.

In 1879, Professor Yeates served as an agent of the United States Fish Commission. He distributed young fish from the hatching-station at Avoca, North Carolina. Later, turning his attention to educational work he spent a year and a half as principal in two high schools. On December 7, 1880, having accepted a clerkship in the United States Fish Commission work of the Tenth Census, he entered upon the discharge of his duties. When the National Museum in Washington City was reorganized and enlarged, he was made assistant to the curator in the department of Minerals and Economic Geology. This was on March 22, 1881.

Immediately he began selecting and classifying minerals, ores and rocks sent to the National Museum by foreign governments exhibiting at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. The Curator of the department assigned him to this work, within two weeks after his appointment, and, in addition, he was charged with the duty of identifying minerals sent to the Smithsonian Institute from all parts of America.

In 1882 Professor Baird, director of the National Museum, placed Professor Yeates as Acting Curator at the head of the Department of Minerals. He held the position until 1883, when on the appointment of an Honorary Curator, Professor Yeates was advanced to the grade of "Assistant" in charge of the mineral collection. Afterward he was promoted to Assistant Curator, and with the title received a still higher promotion.

When the Corcoran Scientific School of the Columbian University was organized he was appointed to the chair of mineralogy and made, also, Professor of Geology. His school work did not conflict with his museum duties. The technical schools of Washington hold night sessions.

He exhibited a splendid collection of gems and ornamental stones, including rare specimens from all parts of the world, which constituted part of the National Museum collection at the Cincinnati and New Orleans Expositions, 1884, and at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893. Professor Yeates has collected and arranged in an attractive and educational way minerals, ores, building stones and woods of the State. Exhibited at Atlanta, Nashville and Omaha Expositions, these collections have taken the highest awards for excellence and installation. Many bulletins on the geological resources of Georgia and administrational reports have been issued as a result of the work of the State Geologist.

Professor Yeates is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America; member of the Philosophical Society, of Washington, D. C.; member of the Geological Society of Washington, D. C.; of the American Chemical Society; the American Institute of Mining Engineers; the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the International Congress of Geologists of 1891.

STATE TREASURER ROBERT E. PARK.

CAPTAIN ROBERT EMORY PARK, the Treasurer of Georgia, was born in LaGrange, Troup county, Georgia, January 13, 1844. He was descended from fine old Revolutionary stock. His father, Major John Park, was a native of Georgia, having been born in Clarke county in 1800. His mother, Sarah Robertson Park, was also born in Clarke county.

The grandfather of Captain Park, William Park, of Spartanburg district, South Carolina, was a soldier in the patriot army of the Revolution, and served under General Sumter; and the great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, John Park, was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania. He was killed at the battle of the Cowpens. The founder of the Park family in America was Arthur Park. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to West Chester, Pennsylvania, from County Donegal, Ireland, in 1720. Beverly Robertson, Captain Park's great grandfather on his mother's side, served with distinction in the Colonial Army. He was an officer in a Virginia regiment and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

When Captain Park was a child his parents removed from LaGrange to Greenville, Ga. There he received his primary education. He attended Brownwood Institute at LaGrange, where, under the tutorship of Professor William Johns, he was prepared to enter Emory College, Oxford, in 1860. After remaining there a year he went to the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, Ala. Leaving that school June 12, 1861, he repaired to Tuskegee, Ala., where he enlisted in Company F, Twelfth Alabama Regiment of Infantry. The first Captain of this company was R. F. Ligon, afterwards Lieutenant-Governor of Alabama. After serving as private one year the company was reorganized and the subject of this sketch was unanimously elected Second Lieutenant. At the battle of Seven Pines he was chosen First Lieutenant, and after the battle of Winchester he was made Captain. He had commanded the company nearly eighteen months, owing to wounds received by Capt. J. N. McNeely. Captain Park was among the bravest and gallantest men who wore the gray. He made a record during the war of which any soldier might be proud. At the battle of Winchester (September 19, 1864) he received a terrible wound in the leg, and was left upon the field. Thirteen pieces of bone were taken from his leg. He was captured and sent to West's prison hospital, Baltimore, thence to Point Lookout, Maryland, thence to the old capitol prison at Washington, and lastly to Fort Delaware. There he was kept until June 14, 1865, when he was released.

Among the many battles in which Captain Park took part may be mentioned Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Seven Days' Fight Around Richmond, Fredericksburg, Hagerstown, South Mountain. He was, also, at the battle of Hanover Court House with Gen. Lee, and during the invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania was in the great battle of Gettysburg. On one occasion he was sent to Richmond on thirty days' hospital furlough. At the expiration of twenty-five days he rejoined his command. For several days he was placed in command of the regiment, all his senior officers being among the killed, wounded or absent.

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Captain Park was among the heroic few who refused to take the oath of allegiance, although a prisoner in Fort Delaware at that time.

After the war he returned to Greenville and began the study of law. This was in 1866. Later he became a teacher in the Tuskegee High School. After one year he went to the Henry Lucas Institute, Mt. Meigs, Ala., teaching there two years; and was then called to the principalship of the LaGrange High School. He spent two years in that position, and then removed to Macon, where he accepted the general agency for the Southern States of the Ivison-Blakeman Company, school and college text-books. He afterwards became the general representative of the American Book Company in the Southern States.

Since 1880 he has been a valuable member of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society. He is a Trustee of the Mulberry Street Methodist Church of Macon, a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow, member of the Knights of Honor, and of the Knights of Damon. In 1886 he was made a Trustee of Emory College. He is also a Trustee of Wesleyan Female College.

Captain Park's first wife was Miss Ella, daughter of the late General W. S. Holt. She died March 8, 1890. The children are Ella Henrietta and William Holt Park.

In April, 1894, Captain Park married Mrs. Emily Hendree-Stewart at Richmond, Va. She is the accomplished daughter of the late Dr. George Hendree, of Tuskegee, Ala.

Captain Park was a Lieutenant-Colonel on Governor Northen's staff during his first term and declined reappointment. He is an honorary member of the Macon Volunteers, and has ever been a friend to the State military and all public enterprises.

He was elected State Treasurer in 1900, and re-elected in 1902.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

CHAIRMAN SPENCER R. ATKINSON.

SPENCER R. ATKINSON is a native of Camden County, Georgia, where he was born forty-five years ago. His father was Alexander S. Atkinson, and his mother's maiden name was Miss Mary Ann McDonald, a daughter of Governor McDonald, of Georgia.

During his boyhood, Judge Atkinson resided with his parents in Marietta, Cobb County. Upon reaching his majority, he decided to locate in the West, and spent two years in Texas. Becoming convinced that no State could equal that of his nativity in all that makes life a pleasure, he returned to Georgia, and the Lone Star State lost a settler who would without a doubt have become one of her most prominent citizens.

Upon his return to this State he adopted the law as his profession, and immediately took a high stand at the bar of the Brunswick judicial circuit. About the same time he was married to Miss Mary Virginia Harrison, of Camden county, a cultured and charming lady. They have no children.

Judge Atkinson, like most Georgians, is a Democrat. He was elected Judge of the Brunswick circuit November 10, 1886, in which capacity he ably served the public until the spring of 1892, when he resigned and resumed the practice of law. In November, 1894, he became a Judge of the Supreme Court of Georgia. His work while a member of this great tribunal was of the highest order, and his opinions and decisions are generally admitted by the profession to be models of soundness, force and clearness.

In November, 1897, Judge Atkinson resigned his position upon the Supreme

Court to become a member of the Railroad Commission, of which body he is chairman, and in which position he has rendered most valuable service to the State by reason of the fairness, ability and industry which have characterized his administration of the affairs of that important department.

It is neither exaggeration nor flattery to say that in clearness and force of intellect, in learning and integrity, Judge Atkinson, as a lawyer, jurist and gentleman, is the peer of any man in Georgia.

HON. G. GUNBY JORDAN.

G. GUNBY JORDAN, Railroad Commissioner, is a splendid type of the industrial developer of the new South. Since the close of the war he has been a leader in the commercial, financial and industrial life of the State.

Mr. Jordan is a native of Sparta, Hancock county, Georgia, where he was born 56 years ago. He entered the military service of the Confederacy at an early age as a member of Nelson's Rangers. This was an independent organization of cavalry, which made a splendid reputation for bravery and daring. The command participated in the operations around Atlanta, and during the latter days of the war acted as special escort to General Stephen D. Lee.

After the close of the civil conflict Mr. Jordan attended school for a year at Sparta. In 1866 he secured a position in Columbus with a wholesale grocery firm, and began his business career in that city. Since that time he has been closely connected with the growth of Columbus in every way.

The next year Mr. Jordan was elected treasurer of the Eagle & Phenix Manufacturing Company. With the assumption of the duties of this position began his connection with the textile industry in which he has made both fortune and reputation. He served as treasurer and credit man of the corporation for twenty years. In 1873 he was chosen cashier of the Eagle & Phenix Savings Bank, which position he held for thirteen years. In these capacities

Mr. Jordan made a splendid reputation as a sagacious business man and an organizer of great ability.

After an extended term of service with the Eagle & Phenix institutions, Mr. Jordan resigned in 1886 to promote the building of the Georgia Midland and Gulf Railroad. He was made president of the Georgia Midland & Gulf Construction Company, and, upon the completion of the road, was made General Manager. While serving in this capacity he instituted the movement which led to the construction of the Columbus Southern road.

In 1894 Mr. Jordan resigned all connection with railroad interests and accepted the position of Railroad Commissioner tendered him by Governor Northen. He was the practical member of the commission, being thoroughly conversant with railroad affairs, and his service was eminently capable and satisfactory.

The most noteworthy feature of Mr. Jordan's splendid career is his successful rehabilitation of the Eagle & Phenix corporation. For many years this company was one of the most successful manufacturers of cotton goods in the entire country. Its properties were immensely valuable, and its stock was eagerly sought by investors. After Mr. Jordan severed his connection with the corporation in 1886 the business showed a downward tendency and matters reached their climax later when the affairs of the corporation were thrown into court. Mr. Jordan successfully reorganized the company, and it is to-day a monument to his business ability. He is its president, and under his management the mill has taken once more its old rank among Southern textile industries.

Mr. Jordan is largely interested in financial institutions. In 1888 he organized the Third National Bank of Columbus, one of the strongest institutions of the city. In 1889 he organized the Columbus Savings Bank, which has had a very successful career. He is also connected with a number of industrial corporations.

In 1901 Mr. Jordan was appointed by Governor Candler to membership for a full term of six years on the Railroad Commission. He brought to the work previous experience and practical knowledge, and his services are of great value to the State.

Mr. Jordan was married in Columbus in 1881 to Miss Lizzie Beecher Curtis. Mrs. Jordan died in 1882, leaving one child, Ralph Curtis Jordan.

Mr. Jordan resides at Columbus, where he has a beautiful home. He is largely interested in Columbus real estate, and is the foremost factor in the marvelous industrial development of the city. The demands of business have precluded his entrance into active political life, although he has been often solicited to stand for office. He is liberal and charitable, the ideal citizen of his section, and his name is destined to live long in the business annals of his native State.

HON. J. POPE BROWN.

J. POPE BROWN was born in Houston county May 4, 1855. His father, Stephen W. Brown, was extensively engaged in planting in Houston and Dooly counties. His mother's maiden name was Miss Martha Pope. When the subject of this sketch was one year of age his parents moved to Pulaski county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

There being no educational facilities at hand, Mr. Brown received his education at the Hearn school, Cave Spring, Ga., at Mount Zion, under ex-Governor W. J. Northen, and at Mercer University, where he graduated at eighteen. He immediately went to work in a cotton warehouse at Hawkinsville with W. H. Hawks, Esq., remaining there until he was twenty-two. At that time he rented a large plantation and engaged in farming, with the determination to make that his life business, and to succeed. How well he has realized his ambition will be seen from the fact that he now owns over 7,000 acres of fine lands, on which he produces an average of seven hundred bales of cotton yearly, besides corn, hay, syrup, potatoes, cattle, etc. He also operates a cotton gin, sawmill, grist mill, planing mill and general merchandise store.

Mr. Brown is a conspicuous exception to the rule that a young man can do better away from his boyhood home, for a portion of his estate is composed of the old homestead, and on it his home is located.

Always one of the most successful farmers of the State, Mr. Brown has been one of the leaders in promoting agriculture as a science and as a business. He was president of the Wiregrass Exposition Company, which held three of the most successful county fairs ever seen in Georgia. He was for five years president of the State Agricultural Society, and under his administration were held two splendid State Fairs, one at Atlanta and the other at Savannah.

Mr. Brown has always advocated diversified agriculture as the only salvation of the Southern farmer. When asked once what, in his opinion, was to be resorted to by our people for the protection of the cotton-producing in-

dustry, he replied: "The ideal protection would be a large, full corn-crib in front, rear well protected by cattle, horses and hogs, and flanks supported by syrup, potatoes, hay and small grain." He not only preaches this doctrine, but practices it as well, and next year could make a crop without going to market for anything.

Mr. Brown has also found time to serve his fellow-citizens in public office, and to associate himself with various business enterprises. He served two terms in the Legislature, and was each time chairman of the Agricultural Committee. Upon the death of Hon. L. N. Trammell, Governor Allen D. Candler, without solicitation from any one, appointed Mr. Brown to the position of Railroad Commissioner, which position he now holds. He is also at present a member of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University.

Always public-spirited and progressive, no movement for the betterment of his section of the State has ever found Mr. Brown lagging behind. Whether it was the establishment of a bank, the building of a cotton mill or organizing a local farmers' club, he has always given his hearty support, and it is no exaggeration to say that almost every enterprise in which he has interested himself has been crowned with success.

SECRETARY J. D. MASSEY.

JAMES DUNCAN MASSEY, the Secretary of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, was born in Oconee county, South Carolina, eight miles from Walhalla, the county seat, on the eleventh of December, 1875. He is the son of Samuel V. Massey. His mother's maiden name was Miss Jane Duncan.

He passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, working during the spring and summer months and attending country schools, when he had time, during the winter. He is indebted for most of his education to the early teachings of his mother and to individual reading. He was very fond of books and devoted all of his spare time to study. In this way was the foundation laid upon which in after

years was reared a superstructure of fine intelligence. Mr. Massey took his first ride on a railroad train when at the age of nineteen he came to Atlanta on a visit. In May, 1893, the following year, he returned to this city and devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of shorthand. In October of the same year he completed his course, and was at once given a position as stenographer in the office of the railroad commission. The following August he was elected secretary of the railroad commission, which position he has filled with marked capability since August 1, 1895. At the time this honor was conferred upon him he had not attained his twenty-second year.

The ancestors of Mr. Massey were healthy Scotch and Scotch-Irish people who settled in Virginia during colonial days. His great-grandfather on his paternal side was living in South Carolina at the beginning of the Revolution, and fought in the Revolutionary forces of that State.

Mr. Massey comes of sturdy, self-reliant stock. He is a young man of pleasing address, excellent character and wide information and deservedly enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of influential friends. By dint of hard work and unflagging attention to the demands of an exacting profession, he has made himself one of the most accomplished stenographers in the country; and by the faithful and intelligent discharge of the multifarious duties, incident, to the responsible position of Secretary of one of Georgia's most important official bodies, has rendered most valuable service to the State.

His only hobby is the study of the foreign languages, to which he devotes all of his spare time.

PRISON COMMISSION.

CHAIRMAN JOSEPH SIDNEY TURNER.

JUDGE JOSEPH SIDNEY TURNER, the chairman of the Prison Commission of Georgia, has carved out a remarkable career. He is still a young man, and judging the future by the past, other distinguished honors are in store for him.

He was born at "Turnwold," his father's Putnam County farm, December 19, 1859. Joseph A. Turner, his father, was a man of force and versatility. He was not only an excellent farmer, but a strong, successful lawyer, and an editor on original and influential lines as well. He published "The Countryman," a newspaper, on his farm, and although he lived nine miles from a post-office or a railroad, the rural journal made a hit during the war between the States and was welcomed in hundreds of Southern homes as the most unique and popular publication of the time.

Shortly after the war the parents of young Jo. Sid. Turner, as he was called, died, and the boy was compelled to rely upon himself. As a boy he was characterized by the same rare ability which in a few years raised him to prominence. He borrowed the money with which to attend college, but after studying a brief period at the University of Georgia, he left during the junior year. He was only seventeen when he applied himself closely to the study of law. He was admitted to the bar September, 1877, before he was eighteen.

Meantime he had been made assistant superintendent of the public schools of Eatonton. Ever since he came to the bar he has concentrated his whole energy upon his law practice when not discharging the duties of public office. He has won great success as a lawyer.

Before he was twenty-one, Governor Colquitt appointed him judge of the county court of Putnam.

He qualified for the office at once upon attaining his majority. For twelve years he presided with conspicuous ability. In 1892, his people desiring him to represent them in the Legislature, he resigned, and was elected with ease. During 1892-1893 he served as chairman of the Penitentiary Committee. Appreciating the high honor, he devoted his strong mind and great energy to the mastery of Georgia's penal system. As a result he suggested and aided in the enactment of laws which have greatly improved this branch of the State government.

Governor Atkinson, in the fall of 1894, without the slightest solicitation on his part, made him the principal keeper of the penitentiary. He accepted this important trust, not without hesitation. He filled it honorably to himself, beneficially to the State, until December 21, 1897, when the Legislature saw fit to abolish it. In its stead, a prison commission consisting of three members was created. Governor Atkinson appointed him a member of the commission. At its first meeting he was chosen chairman.

Judge Turner was appointed for the short term. When, in 1898, that term expired, John W. Renfroe of Fulton County opposed him in the Democratic primary. Judge Turner not only received the largest popular majority of any candidate for State office, but carried more counties than any candidate. He was nominated by one hundred and seventeen counties out of the one hundred and thirty-seven.

So sound had been his suggestions, so potent his influence, that the General Assembly adopted almost in toto his formulated suggestion for a new prison system. This new system which became of effect April 1, 1899, is in the main his creation.

GENERAL CLEMENT A. EVANS.

CLEMENT ANSLEM EVANS is a descendant on paternal and maternal lines of soldiers of the Revolution. Among his maternal ancestors were the Bryans, Hintons and Whitfields, of Virginia and North Carolina. His grandfather Bryan was a planter on the Oconee river, in Montgomery county, and afterwards in Randolph county. His father was a farmer in Stewart county. His people were also soldiers in the war of 1812 and in the Georgia Indian War of 1836. From these sources he probably derived his fondness for military life which caused him in youth to belong to the volunteer militia of his native county, and, together with his convictions, prompted him to go ardently into the Confederate army.

He was born on his father's farm, in Stewart County, February 25, 1833, and after his academic education in Lumpkin entered, on his seventeenth birthday, the office of Col. Bedford S. Worrill to study law. After nearly a year's course with this able lawyer, he became a student in Gould's Law School, at Augusta. After graduating, was admitted to the bar a short while before he was nineteen years old, and began to practice the profession in his native county town.

Circumstances favored him with a good practice for a young lawyer, and he was elected, before the age of twenty-two, to judgeship in the County Court, then known as the Inferior Court, and was by his associates chosen to preside in the trials of cases before them.

At this time he was honored with the invitation of Colonel Worrill to become his partner, which was accepted, and the firm of Worrill and Evans was formed and continued to the opening of the Confederate War. At that time, Colonel Worrill, who was beyond the age of military service, offered to transact all the business in order that his partner might enter the Confederate service.

In the meantime he had been elected to the Georgia Senate, in 1859, and was, as a Senator, exempt from military service for the Confederacy, but he became at once a soldier and began his military career. He was lieutenant, in the first company from Stewart County, called the Grays, formed December, 1860; transferred to the Bartow Guards, from the same county, which became Company E, 31st Georgia Regiment, and was chosen major of that regiment. Elected and commissioned colonel in April, 1862, soon after which his regiment was made a part of Lawton's Georgia Brigade and ordered to Virginia to serve under Stonewall Jackson. After Lawton was disabled by wounds, Gen. John B. Gordon was appointed to the command of the brigade.

Under Jackson, Ewell, Early, Breckenridge and Gordon, in the army commanded by Gen. Robert E. Lee, his career was of the most active character. He shared the privations and perils of war from first to last in the campaigns of that army and was with his own brigade from its organization to the close, participating in the campaigns of Virginia, West Virginia, the Valley, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

He bears five honorable scars from wounds at Cold Harbor, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Monocacy. Two of them were severe, the one at Gettysburg, the other at Monocacy, when he was shot through the body and from which he has never fully recovered. He was promoted brigadier-general for gallant service in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, in the spring and summer of 1864, and raised to the command of his division in the fall of the same year. His military services drew to a close in the defence of Petersburg, through the winter and spring of 1864-65, commanding his division in many close, severe combats to the last blow at Appomattox. In the final assaults on the lines at Petersburg, he was able to hold the line of his Division against repeated attacks and was nearly, if not quite the last, commander of infantry withdrawn to follow the retiring army of Lee. From April 2d to 9th, his division was in daily encounter by brigades with the enveloping enemy, until Appomattox Court House was reached on the night of April 8th. In the advance of the Confederate Army at the dawn of the 9th, when the battle at Appomattox was fought, his division was on the left and continued the victorious assault without having learned of the surrender. At the moment of the last successful charge of his division in which a battery was captured, he received official notice of the surrender and sadly withdrew to find the Confederate Army with arms stacked and the glorious Lee receiving tearfully the subdued cheers of his brave soldiery.

Always strongly attached to the Confederate soldiers, General Evans has taken a deep interest in their behalf, being for many years trustee of the Soldiers' Home, advocating pensions for the worthy, making every year for a

quarter of a century, addresses in the dedication of monuments erected to their memory, officiating as president of the Battle Abbey Association and serving them as Major-General of the Georgia Division. The warm place he has in the esteem of the Confederate Soldiers in Georgia and all the South is their knowledge that they have a similar warm place in his own heart.

General Evans turned from the army at the age of thirty-two into the ministry of the Methodist Church, of which he had been a member from his thirteenth year, serving in Bartow County, Cartersville, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta and Rome, closing twenty-five years service in Atlanta and on the Griffin District. He received the degree of D.D. from Emory College and has had many responsible duties to perform as Trustee of Emory, Young Harris and Reinhart Normal Colleges, and the Medical College at Augusta. Taking especial interest in education, he chartered the Educational Loan Association, which has assisted over one hundred young men in getting their education from Emory. During his ministry, he was tendered the Presidency of three different colleges, which he declined because of his desire to continue the life of a minister. He succumbed at last to disabilities produced by wounds and engaged in business for which he was well qualified and wherein he met with success, conducting successfully several important enterprises.

General Evans was several times solicited by his friends to become a candidate for Congress, and for Governor, but withstood these overtures until 1894 he became for a short time a popular candidate for Governor, but withdrew from the race in its early stages. He is in principle thoroughly Democratic, was in 1860 on the electoral ticket for Breckenridge, who carried Georgia. In this election he canvassed his district in discussions with the electors and supporters of Douglass and Bell. With a turn for political life he gave his active support to the Democratic side in the times of reconstruction and to his friends in the various contests since that time.

On the inauguration of the present penal system of Georgia, he was invited to accept a place on the Commission and has since then given his undivided attention to that office.

HON. THOMAS EASON.

THOMAS EASON, Prison Commissioner, has won his way to high position by sheer force of self-reliance and a never-failing agreeability which seems to be as much a part of the man as his attractive face. He was born in Tatnall County, March 26, 1851. When still a child his father removed to Bulloch County. There young Tom was reared, leading the life of the average farmer boy, with no educational advantages except such as were afforded by the rural schools. Going to Reidsville at the age of twenty-one he began the study of law in the office of Mr. Josiah Beaseley, an attorney of some note in the county. In 1872 he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Montgomery County and entered upon the practice. The young attorney soon attracted attention. He was well versed in the law, had an engaging manner, and showed keenness of intellect in the court house. He had not quite reached his twenty-fifth year when his growing reputation impelled Governor James M. Smith to appoint him Solicitor-General of the Oconee Circuit. He filled this position so acceptably that, in 1878, when judge and solicitor-general were chosen by the Legislature, he succeeded himself. In 1880 he resigned the solicitor-generalship. Two years later, 1882, he was nominated and elected to the House of Representatives from Montgomery County. He made a good legislator, and in 1884 his people honored him by re-election.

In 1886 he again became a candidate for the solicitor-generalship of the Oconee Circuit. He was elected. He was re-elected in 1890 and 1895. In 1898 Governor Atkinson made him one of Georgia's Prison Commissioners. He succeeded Jacob L. Beach, who resigned from the Commission.

Mr. Eason has been a Prison Commissioner since that time.

The proof that his services in that position have been exceedingly satisfactory to the people was furnished in 1902, when, his term having expired, he was faced with what seemed formidable opposition, but easily defeated his opponent.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECRETARY JAMES W. WARREN.

NO man in Georgia is more familiar with State affairs, and no public servant has ever enjoyed in fuller measure the absolute confidence of the people than James W. Warren.

Major Warren has served Georgia ably, faithfully, devotedly, for upwards of thirty years. As secretary of the executive department he still holds and richly merits the affection of Georgians.

Born in Eatonton, Putnam county, September 24, 1826, he lived there until 1830, when he made the charming city of Columbus his home. There he resided until the war closed. He was prepared for college by the celebrated Prof. C. P. Beman, the famous ante-bellum educator. Entering the State University at Athens January 4, 1844, he received his diploma in August, 1846. He studied law at Harvard in 1847. Returning to Columbus in 1848 he came to the bar and began at once the practice of his profession.

He married, in 1850, Miss Sarah Howard, daughter of Major John H. Howard. Early in 1852 her death deranged all his plans. Abandoning his profession, he sought needed diversion in more active business.

Forming a partnership with Mr. C. B. Howard, his brother-in-law, they aided in the building of extensive sections of the Southwestern and Opelika railroads. In addition to this, Major Warren operated a large cotton plantation in Calhoun County.

In 1858, with Peyton H. Colquitt, he bought the interest of Tennent Lomax in the "Columbus Times." He became editorial manager and devoted several years to journalism.

Major Warren's second wife was Miss Laura Wimberly, of Twiggs county, one of the lovliest ladies in the State. They were married in 1859.

When, after the war, the Democrats overthrew radical rule in Georgia, and James M. Smith was elected Governor of Georgia, he made Major Warren one of his secretaries. The date of his appointment was January 12, 1872. Since that hour, through all the following administrations, and endless changes in office, Major Warren has held his place in the executive office.

Punctual, prompt, polite as always of yore, the beloved veteran holds the post of duty day in and day out.

Long may this invaluable old public servant live to illustrate changeless fidelity to public duty is the prayer of all reverent Georgians!

SEC'Y EX. DEPT. CALVIN MILTON HITCH.

CALVIN MILTON HITCH, the Secretary of the Executive Department, was appointed to that important position by Governor Allen D. Candler in 1898, and again by Governor Terrell in 1902. The able manner in which Mr. Hitch has discharged the onerous duties of the place for four years eminently justifies their wisdom.

The subject of this sketch was born in Morven, Brooks County, July 28, 1869. His father was a remarkably successful man. In addition to being a first-rate physician, he possessed marked commercial capacity, and was also a noted planter. His ample means enabled him to give his children exceptional educational training. After graduating at Emory College, Oxford, Mr. Hitch studied law at the University of Kentucky, graduating with distinction. Always a hard student, he made rapid progress in his studies after leaving school, and when ready to embark upon the stern duties of life, was, although a young man, remarkably advanced.

He was admited to the bar at Quitman, after standing a fine examination, by Judge A. H. Hansell. In connection with his brother, Robert Hitch, he began the practice of law at Quitman. Mr. Hitch made swift progress in his

profession, winning his way readily in public confidence. He was made solicitor of the County Court of Brooks, but soon resigned the position to enter commercial life. He accepted a place in the Bank of Quitman, filling it most acceptably for three years. His success as a financier was commensurate with his progress as a lawyer. He developed a taste for politics, and longing to launch himself upon the sea of public endeavor, he became a candidate for the Legislature from Brooks County. He was elected. He served during 1896-87, and made an excellent record, being the author of several good bills which were made laws. He was one of Governor Candler's strongest supporters. In view of the warm friendship which the Governor felt for the young statesman, and in recognition of his admirable abilities, he was made Secretary of the Executive Department. Upon Governor Terrell's election, in 1902, he was prevailed upon to continue in office.

Mr. Hitch is still a young man, and his undoubted energy, capacity and never failing courtesy, mark him as a man for still higher honors.

Mr. Hitch married Miss Blanche Parish, of Sumter County, Florida, February, 1890, in Berrien County, Georgia, where her father, a planter, was at that time residing. Guy Harvard Hitch, a bright boy, is the only child.

CLERK AND SEC'Y EX. DEPT. G. P. ERWIN.

GEORGE PHILLIPS ERWIN, Clerk and Secretary of the Executive Department, was born in Clarksville, Habersham county, Georgia, November 9, 1870. He is the second son of Capt. William S. and Mrs. Ruth Clark Erwin. Mr. Erwin was educated in the public schools of his native county. In December, 1888, he entered the employment of the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway Co., at Waycross, and held several positions with this company at Waycross and Albany. In September, 1891, Mr. Erwin was married to Miss Eva Gertrude, youngest daughter of Capt. Thomas J. Fuller. In July, 1893, Mr. Erwin was called home to Clarkesville by the death of his father, an dbegan the study of law in the office of J. J. Bowden,

Esq. He was admitted to the bar at Gainesville in January, 1894, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Clarkesville. Until June, 1900, he practiced alone, but on account of his rapidly increasing business he found it necessary to admit a partner, Mr. Robert McMillan. The firm name is at present Erwin & McMillan.

In 1898 Mr. Erwin associated himself with Hon. Chas. S. Northen, Secretary of the Senate, and held the position of Message Clerk and Chief of the Enrolling and Engrossing Department of that body during the sessions of 1898-9 and 1900-1. His work in this capacity was so satisfactory that upon the accession of Governor Terrell Mr. Erwin was appointed to his present position. He has a wide circle of friends throughout the State, and is a capable and popular young man.

PRIVATE SECRETARY WM. E. IRVIN.

WILLIAM EMMET IRVIN, private secretary to Governor J. M. Terrell, is one of the most popular officials of the new administration. He has been connected with the Governor for several years as his private secretary while Attorney-General. Mr. Irvin was born in Pike county, Georgia, November 22, 1877. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Irvin, moved the next year to Meriwether county, where they have since resided. He was educated in the schools of Merwether county, and afterwards attended the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, where he made a splendid record.

Mr. Irvin came to Atlanta several years ago as private secretary to Governor Terrell when he was Attorney-General, and remained in that capacity until his chief resigned to make the race for the gubernatorial chair. Upon the appointment of Hon. Boykin Wright to fill the unexpired term Mr. Irvin was continued in the position, and his experience with the duties of the office made him of great value to the new incumbent. He remained in

the office until Governor Terrell was inaugurated, when he was appointed private and military secretary to the Governor. Mr. Irvin is a member of the Governor's staff with the rank of Major, and in that capacity is closely connected with the military of the State.

Mr. Irvin's official position for several years has thrown him into close contact with many of the most influential men in the State, and he has gained an extended acquaintance among them. He is a popular and capable official, and in his new position will be of splendid service to the Governor. He has a splendid capacity for the details of administrative work and has the full and entire confidence of the Governor.

COM'R OF PENSIONS JOHN W. LINDSAY.

JOHN W. LINDSAY, Commissioner of Pensions, is a native of Wilkinson county, Georgia. His father was Isaac Lindsay and his mother a Miss Moore before her marriage. Col. Lindsay has been a resident of Wilkinson all his life and has been for a number of years one of its most distinguished citizens. At the outbreak of the war Col. Lindsay enlisted in Company I, Third Georgia Regiment, in which organization he served throughout the war. He was wounded several times, receiving his most serious injury at the battle of Spottsylvania. He was a splendid soldier, faithful to every duty and gave some of the best years of his young life to the service of his State.

At the close of the war Col. Lindsay returned to his home to face the conditions that confronted all the returning soldiers of the South. He studied law and was admitted to the bar. He has practiced for a number of years at Irwinton, and bears the reputation of being one of the best attorneys in that section. He built up a large and lucrative practice in his county and those adjoining it, which he has retained for a long time.

In 1884 he was elected to represent Wilkinson county in the lower branch

of the General Assembly, and so satisfactorily was his service to his constituency that he was returned for another term. After retiring from the Legislature, Col. Lindsay devoted himself to the practice of his profession until called upon by Governor Candler to assume the duties of Commissioner of Pensions in 1899. In this position Col. Lindsay has faithfully performed his important duties and has made a splendid reputation as a painstaking and efficient public officer.

Col. Lindsay married Miss Julia Tucker of Washington county. Their son, Capt. Julian R. Lindsay, of the United States army, has recently returned to the United States after a term of service in China and the Philippines, in which he greatly distinguished himself. After graduating at West Point, Capt. Lindsay was appointed instructor in the academy and served several years in that capacity. He is considered one of the most capable young officers in the military establishment, and has won high encomiums from his superior officers. Miss Annie Lindsay is the efficient stenographer in her father's office and renders him splendid service.

THE SENATE.

PRESIDENT CLARK HOWELL.

HON. CLARK HOWELL is a son of Captain Evan P. Howell, mayor-elect of the city of Atlanta. Although he is of Georgia stock, the exigencies of the civil war occasioned his birth in Erwinton, South Carolina, September 21, 1863.

After the war he grew up in his father's home in this city and received his education primarily in the public schools of Atlanta, of which his father was one of the councilmanic founders. In school he was remarked by his teachers as bright, alert and absorptive of instruction. He graduated from the High School in a class of exceptionally bright young men, most of whom have since become notable figures in the social, business and political life of the city. Among them none was more promising than Mr. Howell.

From the High School he proceeded to the University of Georgia and there completed the curriculum with distinction, graduating in 1883. Having fixed his ambitions upon a journalistic career, he did the wise thing at the very outset. Going to New York, he placed himself unreservedly in the hard harness of a reportorial apprenticeship on the New York Times. His purpose was to gain a thorough working knowledge of the details whereby a metropolitan newspaper is daily made up and given to the world. After "roughing it" up that steep of experience, he shifted to the Philadelphia Press and there, upon one of the model papers editorially of the country, completed his course of drill, so that upon his return to Atlanta in 1884 he was made night editor of The Consitution, and three years later, in 1887, was made assistant managing editor under the late Henry Grady.

In 1886 Mr. Howell was elected to the General Assembly of the State as one of the representatives of Fulton county. He received two consecutive re-elections, so that his term of service was six years in the house. The last two years he occupied the Speaker's office with conspicuous ability and fairness.

On the death of Henry W. Grady he was chosen managing editor of The Constitution and when, in 1897, his father, Captain Howell, retired from the post of editor-in chief, Clark Howell was elected to succeed him and still holds that chair at the head of the paper.

In 1892 he was chosen as the Georgia member of the National Democratic Executive Committee and re-chosen in 1896 and 1900, so that he still serves the State and the party in that position.

He became a trustee of the University of Georgia in 1898, and in the same year was elected a member of the board of directors of the Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering association in the world, and is still one of its prominent members.

In 1900 he was elected to the State Senate of Georgia from the Atlanta district and became the president of that body. He was re-elected in 1902 and again chosen president of the Senate—a fact that testifies to his large popularity.

In 1900 he married Miss Annie Comer, daughter of President H. M. Comer of Savannah. Mr. Howell is a gentleman of the happiest disposition, genial and generous, and withal a well-balanced, conservative and progressive citizen, journalist and official.

HON. CLARK HOWELL,
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SECRETARY CHARLES S. NORTHEN.

CHARLES S. NORTHEN, Secretary of the Senate, is one of the best known young men of his age in the State of Georgia, and has a wide circle of friends throughout the State. For a number of years he has been in close touch with the leading men in the State and has labored untiringly for the success of his party, and is reaping his reward in his present position, where it seems extremely difficult for any opponent to disturb his equanimity.

Mr. Northen was born in Hancock County, Georgia, November 6, 1859, and at an early age moved to Atlanta, where he has since resided. He was for a number of years in the wholesale mercantile business in this city, being junior member of the well-known firm of Smith, Barry & Co. He is now actively engaged in the insurance business, which occupation he has followed for several years with marked success.

Since coming to Atlanta, Mr. Northen has taken an active interest in local and State politics. He was a member of the City Council of Atlanta in 1892 and 1893, and was for several years chairman of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Democratic League. In 1892 he was made vice-chairman of the State Campaign Committee, and did a great deal of work in that capacity.

Mr. Northen inaugurated the movement to erect a monument to Henry W. Grady, and was made permanent president of the association that conducted that splendid work.

Mr. Northen's first connection with the Senate began in 1894, when he was elected assistant secretary, which position he held for two terms. In 1898 he was elected secretary, which position he has held ever since, having been elected three consecutive times and receiving each time the entire vote cast in the Senate.

Mr. Northen has been frequently appointed by the judges of the Superior and United States Courts as commissioner and receiver in important cases, and the trusts have always been executed with satisfaction to all parties concerned. He stands high in his profession, and is one of the leading men of the city.

In October, 1892, Mr. Northen was married to Miss Nora Earnest, of Atlanta, and two children have been born to them—Margaret and Charles S., Jr.

HON. CHARLES S. NORTHEN,
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.

[IN MEMORIAM.]

PRESIDENT PRO TEM. P. J. SULLIVAN.

PATRICK J. SULLIVAN, the subject of this sketch, was born thirty-nine years ago in Glosnanoon Manor, in County Kerry, Ireland, of prominent Irish-American parents, who were at the time on a visit to their native land. He moved to Augusta, Ga., in his early boyhood and was reared by a widowed aunt. After graduating from the High School of Augusta he entered the law office of Hon. J. C. C. Black, and after devoting himself to the study of law for two years was admitted to plead and practice in the courts of this State. Shorly after his admission he was appointed reporter for the Augusta circuit. He held this position for two years, and discharged the duties thereof with eminent ability and to the satisfaction of the bench, bar and people. He resigned to enter actively upon the practice of his profession. Mr. Sullivan, in the memorable Black-Watson campaign, was chairman of the Board of Registrars of Richmond county, which position was quasi judicial. In the bitterness of this campaign, while a partisan of Major Black, his old preceptor, his honesty and fairness was never questioned by those whom he fought. In 1900, according to the rotation system, it became the time for Richmond county to furnish the Senator for the Eighteenth Senatorial district. His name was suggested for the posiiton, and he was nominated and elected without opposition. His record in the State Senate was so eminently satisfactory to his constituents that when his time expired with the end of the session of 1901 he was renominated and re-elected to the Senate of 1902-3 without opposition or the suggestion thereof. When the Senate of 1902-3 was organized he was elected by the unanimous vote of his fellow-Senators to the nigh position of President Pro Tem. of that body. After a short illness he died in the city of Atlanta on the ninth day of November, 1902.

As a lawyer, he was able, learned and fearless; as a counsellor, he was safe, prudent and conservative; as an advocate, he was bold, truthful and eloquent, and entirely free from hypocrisy, cant or deceit. His services to his State as a legislator were invaluable, for with loyal heart and the purest hand he faith-

HON. PATRICK J. SULLIVAN,
PRESIDENT PRO TEM. (DECEASED).

fully discharged all public trusts, and his untimely and afflictive demise is universally recognized as an irreparable loss to his district, to his people, and to the State he loved so well.

This great and good man, this loyal and devoted friend, died "where manhood's morning almost touches noon, and while the shadows were falling towards the west;" just in the happiest, sunniest hour of life's happy voyage, in the full possession of the confidence and love of his innumerable friends, to whom he leaves as a priceless bequest an unsullied and irreproachable memory.

"If every friend for whom this brave and tender man had performed some loving service were permitted to bring and place an immortelle upon his bier he would sleep forever under a very wilderness of never-fading flowers."

THOS. B. FELDER, JR.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE SNEAD.

CLAIBORNE SNEAD, Senator from the Twenty-ninth district, is a native of Richmond county, having been born at Augusta on the 31st of March, 1836. Mr. Snead has been a prominent figure in State politics for many years, and is one of the leading members of the Senate. His residence is at Parnell, Columbia county.

Mr. Snead's public service began with his election to the Legislature in 1865, when Governor Charles J. Jenkins was in office, and he was also a member of the House in 1871 and 1872. In 1894 Mr. Snead was elected to the Senate from the Twenty-ninth district and is again representing that district.

From 1878 to 1882 Mr. Snead was Judge of the Superior Courts of the Augusta circuit and presided with marked ability over the courts in his juris-

diction. He was an able jurist and commanded the respect of the lawyers as well as the people of the State.

The military career of the subject of this sketch was no less distinguished than his civil. He entered the Confederate service as Lieutenant of Company G of the Third Georgia Regiment, served throughout the entire war, was promoted to be Colonel of the regiment, and surrendered with his command at Appomattox.

As soldier, statesman and jurist, Mr. Snead has been a foremost figure in Georgia, and deservedly holds a high place in the estimation of his people. He has served them for many years in various capacities with fidelity and ability, and has been a trusted public servant of the State whose confidence in him has never been shaken. He is considered one of the strong men of the Senate, and his words of wisdom command the respect and attention of his younger colleagues.

SENATOR C. HARVIE JORDAN.

C. HARVIE JORDAN, Senator from the Twenty-eighth district, is a native of Jasper county, where he was born, January 1, 1861. His family has long been prominent in the county. Mr. Jordan's grandfather settled in 1820 the place on which the subject of this sketch now resides.

Mr. Jordan was married January 18, 1893, to Miss Ella May Gerdine, a daughter of Judge J. H. L. Gerdine. They have four interesting children—Emma, Clarence, Harvey, Marion and a babe yet unnamed.

Until 1898 Mr. Jordan took no active interest in politics. In the spring of that year he was urged to make the race for the House against a well known politician. He was signally successful in the race, and made a splendid record as Representative.

During his service in the House Mr. Jordan took an active part in legislation, and was an earnest advocate of retrenchment and reform. He was

chairman of the General Agricultural Committee and a member of various others.

In 1900 Mr. Jordan was re-elected to the House without opposition. This year he was nominated and elected to the Senate without opposition.

Mr. Jordan is a practical, scientific farmer, and is a recognized authority on agricultural matters. He is Agricultural Editor of the Atlanta Journal, and in that capacity is doing a great work for the advancement of agriculture in the South.

When the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association was organized Mr. Jordan was elected to the presidency, and has worked with great energy and ability for its success. He is also first vice-president of the Farmers' National Congress, the most important organization of that character in the country. Mr. Jordan is one of the leaders of the Senate and his influence is felt throughout the body.

SENATOR E. H. McMICHAEL.

EDWARD H. McMICHAEL, Senator from the Twenty-fourth district, is a native of the adjoining county of Schley, having been born in that county on the 4th of February, 1870. His father, Dr. James R. McMichael, was a leading physician of that section and was prominent in public life for many years. The McMichael family has been one of the leaders in Schley and Marion counties for generations and has furnished several very well-known men.

Mr. McMichael was married at Tazewell, in Marion county, on the 12th of May, 1892, to Miss Mary Stewart, of that place, and they have three interesting children—Ella Elizabeth, Mary Stewart and Edward H., Jr.

The political record of Senator McMichael commenced with his election to the office of County Surveyor two months before he reached his majority, and

he held the office for several years. He attended Emory College for some time and since leaving that institution has been engaged in educational and agricultural work.

Mr. McMichael's race for the Senate was one of the most exciting contests in the State, and attracted general interest. As has happened in most districts where there is a city, an effort was made to destroy the rotation system of electing senators and to substitute a district primary in its stead for the purpose of giving the county which contains a city an advantage over the country counties in electing the senator. Although it was Marion's time to nominate the senator according to district usage of long standing, a district primary aws ordered and former customs ignored.

Joint debates were the order of the day in the campaign waged by Mr. McMichael, and they were held all over the district. The campaign reached its climax when the eloquent young candidate from Marion addressed an audience of over 800 in Columbus. Mr. McMichael was successful in his campaign against combined forces, and a splendid reputation as an orator has preceded him to the Senate.

SENATOR J. H. SKELTON.

JAMES H. SKELTON, senator from the Thirty-first district, resides at Hartwell, Hart county, where he was born on the 13th of March, 1868. His father, Maj. John H. Skelton, was a prominent figure in that section of the State for a number of years. Mr. Skelton is a lawyer by profession, having a constantly increasing practice in Hart and surrounding counties and being considered one of the leaders at the bar in that section. He is married and has an interesting family of five children.

The political career of Senator Skelton has embraced service on various committees of the Democratic party, county, congressional and State; in all of which capacities he has labored with ability and zeal. He served as mayor of Hartwell for five years

and rendered his town excellent service in that capacity. He was chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Hart in 1898-9; member of the Congressional Executive Committee of the Eighth district in 1896-7, and is at present a member of the State Executive Committee from the Eighth district.

Mr. Skelton is also an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Honor, holding the position of Grand Dictator for a term comprising the years 1902-4. He is very popular among his colleagues in the Senate and takes a prominent part in its work.

SENATOR L. L. MIDDLEBROOK.

LUCIUS L. MIDDLEBROOK, Senator from the Twenty-seventh district, was born in the Brick Store district of Newton county February 8, 1848, and was the youngest of eight children born to Thomas L. and Miranda Middlebrook. On both sides of the family Mr. Middlebrook is descended from sturdy agriculturists who have made homes for themselves and have been honest and upright and valuable citizens. Through his mother he is descended from Daniel Morgan, the Revolutionary patriot.

In 1874 Senator Middlebrook was married to Miss Emma Corley, of Covington, and they have five children—Kathleen, Evilina and Isabel, Thomas M. and Howard. Kathleen is the wife of E. E. Heard, of Covington, and Thomas M. has served with distinction in the volunteer forces of the United States in recent years.

Mr. Middlebrook's first public service was as treasurer of the town of Covington, to which office he was elected in 1873 and which he held three terms. He served in the House during the years 1880-1885 inclusive and again in 1894. He was a Democratic elector in 1896, and was mayor of Covington in 1889, besides serving on the Board of Education of that town for six years.

Mr. Middlebrook enlisted in the Confederate service with Company D of Lee's Battalion, and served twelve months as private and sergeant. When the State militia was organized in 1864 to reinforce Johnston's army, Mr. Mid-

dlebrook was elected Lieutenant in one of the companies of Georgia militia, and saw a great deal of service in that capacity. He was in all the operations around Atlanta and his command was the last to leave the city that was doomed to fall a victim to Sherman's wanton destructiveness.

Mr. Middlebrook has been engaged in agriculture to a considerable extent, and has also practiced law in Covington since his admission to the bar in 1871. He is one of the most successful attorneys in his section and is an influential citizen of his town and county.

SENATOR W. R. REID.

WILLIAM R. REID, senator from the 19th district, resides at Crawfordville, in Teliaferro county, in which historic county he was born on November 12, 1855. His parents were B. R. and E. J. Reid.

Senator Reid was married at Crawfordville October 31, 1882, to Miss Kate L. Gee, and there have been born to them six children—Wm. L., R. G., Carrie, Fred, Walter and Estelle.

Senator Reid is engaged in the hotel business, being proprietor of the Holden-Reid Hotel, Crawfordville's splendid new hostelry, which has recently been completed at a cost of $15,000. The building is of brick, with plate glass front, and is an institution of which the people of the town are immensely proud.

In politics the Senator has been a consistent Democrat. He defeated the Populist candidate for the House in 1898 and was re-elected in 1900, serving his people to their satisfaction. His election to the Senate this year from the district which contains the counties of Taliaferro, Warren and Greene is a deserved tribute to a worthy legislator who has always been faithful to the trust imposed upon him.

SENATOR S. R. CHRISTIE.

SAMUEL ROBERT CHRISTIE, the present Senator from the Eleventh District, which embraces the counties of Clay, Randolph and Terrell, was born in Randolph County, March 25, 1848. His parents, Nathan G. and Elizabeth Christie, were members of that sturdy class who have given the State its senators, governors and statesmen, and upon whose shoulders the destiny of our great State has always rested. As a boy, Senator Christie's advantages were limited, but he managed to acquire sufficient education to fit him for a country school teacher, and for a short period he was engaged in teaching. In 1865, when barely seventeen years old, Senator Christie enlisted in Pruden's Battalion of Artillery, but owing to the early close of the war he never saw active service. The close of the war found him penniless, but with characteristic determination he began the battle of life, with a clear head, an honest heart, and a purpose to treat all men fairly as his only stock in trade. How well he has succeeded is shown by the honorable competency he has acquired and by the esteem and confidence placed in him by those who know him best, his home people.

In 1874, Senator Christie was elected Sheriff of Terrell County, which position he held until 1880, when he resigned to take his seat in the State Legislature to which he had just been elected. In 1882 he voluntarily retired from active public life and devoted himself to farming and management of a warehouse and mercantile business, in all of which he was eminently successful.

Senator Christie has been for the last thirteen years County Commissioner and chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Terrell County, and it is owing largely to his fine business judgment and splendid financial ability that Terrell County has the unique distinction of being the only county in the State that levies no taxes for county purposes.

He has also been for a number of years a member of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Dawson, and chairman of the Finance Committee, where his splendid ability has been shown in the management of the city's finances.

While Senator Christie has been frequently honored by his people, it must

not be understood that he is in any sense an office-seeker. In every instance his election has been a case of where the office sought the man, as there is probably no man in his section of the State who possesses in a greater degree the confidence and esteem of the people of all classes.

Rugged honesty, conscientiousness of purpose and open, honest, square dealing mark all his acts, private or public, and hence people who know him trust him.

In 1879 Senator Christie married Ella J. Stevens, sister of Hon. O. B. Stevens, commissioner of agriculture. By this union three children were born, Stevens, Lillie and Joseph. His second wife was Annie M. Breedlove, and by her he has four children, Annie May, Mary Susan, William, and Helen.

Senator Christie has always been a close personal and political friend of his distinguished brother-in-law, Hon. O. B. Stevens, and much of the latter's success in public life has been due to his good advice and efficient support.

Senator Christie is serving on the following important committees: Chairman of Committee on Banks; member of committees on Appropriations, Finance, Agriculture, Pensions, Corporations, Public Roads and Internal Improvements; member of Joint Committee on Finance of Senate and House of Representatives.

SENATOR F. L. SWEAT.

FRANK L. SWEAT, Senator from the Fifth district, is a native of Ware county, having been born at Waycross March 19, 1866. His father, Captain James A. Sweat, won his title in the Indian war, in which he was a noted fighter. He was one of the wealthiest planters and slave-holders in that section before the war. Mr. Sweat was married at Douglas, Ga., February 3, 1897, to Miss Minnie L. Lott, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lott, of that city. Mr. Sweat resides at Douglas, where he has a beautiful home and large interests.

The firm of Sweat Brothers of Pasco county, Florida, of which F. L. Sweat is a member, is one of the largest

manufacturers of naval stores and dealers in timber lands in that State. The firm has large and valuable holdings, and its members are rated among the wealthiest operators of that section.

This is Mr. Sweat's first venture into politics, and in his race for the Senate he was opposed by Mr. B. B. Gray, a prominent lumberman of Pine Bloom, whom he defeated in the primary by a majority of 201. He is a solid and substantial business man, and in his hands the interests of his constituency will be well cared for.

SENATOR R. L. MERRITT.

ROBERT LEWIS MERRITT, Senator from the Twentieth district, which comprises the counties of Hancock, Baldwin and Washington, is a native of Monroe county, where he was born August 24, 1867. His parents were Capt. J. R. Merritt and Mrs. Mary Gayle Merritt, who, before her marriage, was Miss Lewis of Hancock county, a member of the well known Lewis family of that section of the State. Senator Merritt was born on a farm and remained there until his 17th year, when he went to Forsyth and attended school. He was admitted to the bar in Forsyth in 1888, and the next year moved to Barnesville, where he lived several years, engaging in the practice of his profession. In 1896 Mr. Merritt moved to Sparta, in Hancock county, where he has since resided and where he has become one of the foremost political figures. His grandfather, Mickleberry Merritt, was one of the pioneer citizens of Monroe county.

Mr. Merritt's first public office was as representative from Hancock in 1898, and so satisfactory was his service to his constituency he was re-elected in 1900 and this year was elected to the Senate. He has always been a loyal worker in the ranks of his party, and during his service in the House he was one of the leaders of that body. Mr. Merritt is an able lawyer and has a large and growing practice in the county of his adoption.

SENATOR A. B. DUNCAN.

ALEXANDER B. DUNCAN, Senator from the Tenth district, is a native of Terrell county, Georgia, where he was born on February 10, 1849. He is the son of A. B. and Mrs. E. A. Duncan, who were prominent residents of Terrell county at that time. Dr. Duncan was married in Lee county August 28, 1890, and has two children—Steve A. and Mary Belle.

Dr. Duncan graduated in medicine in Philadelphia in March, 1868, and has practiced in Lee county for a number of years where he is held in high esteem. He was elected to the House in 1898 and served two terms in succession. His native ability and professional attainments have made him a most valuable legislator.

SENATOR W. F. SYMONS.

WILFRED F. SYMONS, Senator from the Fourth district, was born in Savannah, Ga., November 28, 1849. His parents were John F. and Emily M. Symons. The family was prominent in Chatham county for a number of years.

Mr. Symons was married in Brunswick, Ga., November 29, 1875. He has three children—John F., Horace D. and Frances. He resides in Brunswick, where he has been a leading citizen for quite a number of years. Mr. Symons is principally engaged in the insurance business. He is also interested in manufacturing enterprises. He has taken a great

deal of interest in the industrial advancement of that section of the State, and is one of the most public-spirited citizens of Brunswick.

Mr. Symon's first appearance in legislative halls was in 1894-5, when he represented Glynn County in the House. He was one of the working members of the House during his term, and represented his constituency most satisfactorily. In 1900 he was returned to the House. This year, it being Glynn's time to name the Senator, Mr. Symons received the nomination after a brisk struggle with one of the most prominent citizens of the county. He stands high with the people of his county, and has made a number of friends in the Senate, and is one of the most influential members of the body.

SENATOR J. R. VAN BUREN.

JAMES RUNDELL VAN BUREN, Senator from the Twenty-first district, resides in Jones county, where he is extensively engaged in farming. Mr. Van Buren is a native of New York. He was born at Stillwater, Saratoga county, December 11, 1849. His father was Cornelius H. Van Buren, a relative of Martin Van Buren, of New York, President of the United States. The Van Buren family has been distinguished in the annals of New York for many years.

Mr. Van Buren was married in Wilkinson county, Georgia, November 20, 1883, to Miss Laura Massey, of that county. They have six interesting children—Hattie, Nellie, Machen, Grace, Louise and J. R., Jr. He is one of the most prominent men of Jones County, and has for a number of years been a leader in its affairs.

Mr. Van Buren served for twelve years on the Board of Education of the county, and in that capacity rendered splendid service to the common schools. In 1894 he was appointed State Inspector of Fertilizers, holding the position for two years.

In 1896 he was elected to the Senate, and his term of service was distin-

guished by his close attention to the affairs of State and the interests of his constituency. He is an able man of wide experience in agricultural and commercial affairs, and is peculiarly well fitted to deal wisely with the important questions which come before the body of which he is a member. He was re-elected without opposition to the Senate this year. He is one of the leaders in the Senate, and his advice is eagerly sought by his colleagues on many important questions. He is the author of some important legislation, and his influence in the body is widely felt.

In 1898 Senator Van Buren was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Sanitarium, and made one of the most valuable members of the body. He left the Board last June, when elected to the Senate, and his former colleagus unanimously elected him an honorary member. He was chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board throughout his term of service. He was faithful in every way to the duties of his important trust. In the present Senate he is a member of several of the most important committees.

SENATOR G. S. ROUNTREE.

G. S. ROUNTREE, senator from the Sixteenth district, is a native of Emanuel county, Georgia, where he was born on the 19th day of July, 1831. His father and grandfather fought through the war of 1812 and his father was among the early settlers of Emanuel county.

Judge Rountree is a banker and farmer, being president of the Swainsboro Bank, and also having large agricultural interests in the county. He has four children—Neil, Sidney, Sallie and Dora.

Judge Rountree has held many important offices in his county and has been one of its leading men for many years. He served as chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee for fifteen years; as chairman of the County Commissioners for twelve years, and was Judge of the Inferior Court of Emanuel for several

years before the abolition of that institution. He was first elected to the Senate in 1884 and served throughout the term with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people of his district. His recent election came as a tribute from the people to a man who has lived a long life honestly and well, earning the respect and affection of the people of a section who delight to do him honor in his declining years. Judge Rountree has been in poor health for several months, and part of the time during this session he has been unable to occupy his seat.

SENATOR P. H. COMAS.

PHILIP HOVIS COMAS, Senator from the Third district, is serving his second term in the Senate. He is a native of Appling county, having been born at old Holmesville in December, 1864. John Comas, grandfather of Senator Comas, emigrated to this country from Barcelona, Spain, in the early part of the last century. He landed at Darien, Ga., then, as now, one of the most important lumber marts in the United States; and after spending several years there, ascended the Altamaha river on a pole boat and settled in Appling county. He soon moved to Holmesville, then the county seat, and started in business. He merchandised at Holmesville for many years, and accumulated a large estate. When the Macon & Brunswick Railroad was built (now a part of the Southern) Mr. Comas moved to Baxley. At the latter place he did a large business for a number of years.

Dr. P. H. Comas attended the public schools of the county in his early years, later studying at the well-known school at Spring Hill. He studied medicine in Augusta. His medical education was completed in post graduate work in Baltimore and other famous medical centers. After completing his course he traveled extensively in Europe, observing closely the methods of practice in the most famous continental hospitals. Having had splendid op-

portunities, of which he took the fullest advantage, Dr. Comas entered upon the practice of his profession at Baxley. In a few years he established a reputation as general practitioner and surgeon throughout that section of the State. He is considered to be one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Southeast Georgia, and has performed a number of difficult surgical operations which have been favorably commented upon by the profession throughout the country.

For several years Dr. Comas has not practiced extensively, his business interests requiring the greater part of his time. He is president of the Baxley Banking Company, and has extensive investments in that county and also in Bibb.

Dr. Comas is one of the best-informed men in the General Assembly. He has ever been a close student of the sciences and an omnivorous reader of both ancient and current literature. He is well fitted to take part in the legislation of the State both by training and ability. He was elected to represent the Third district in 1896 and again in 1902. During the present session he has been active in the work of the upper house, and is one of the most valuable members.

Dr. Comas was married in Bibb county, Georgia, June 16, 1897, to Miss Bessie Tinley, a member of one of the leading families of the county.

SENATOR ALEXANDER ATKINSON.

ALEXANDER ATKINSON, Senator from the Twenty-sixth District, was born in Butts County, Georgia, in 1836, the son of Thomas P. Atkinson and Elmina Hunter Atkinson. He has spent nearly his entire life in his native county, where he has been a successful farmer ever since the war. He is also a minister of the Baptist denomination. Senator Atkinson enlisted as a private in a company organized in Butts County at the beginning of the war. He rose through successive grades until at the surrender of his corps at Bentonville, South Carolina, he was holding a captain's commission. When his command laid down its arms Senator Atkinson, although only a captain, was in command of a brigade composed of seven organizations but which contained only eighty men. The awful decimation in officers and men in this brigade shows the straits to which the Confederacy came before the stars and bars were furled in honorable surrender.

Upon his return home after the great struggle, Senator Atkinson, in

common with the great majority of his brave fellow soldiers, began the battle of life practically penniless. He has been markedly successful in his efforts and is now one of the leading planters of his county. He has reared a family of six children, to each of whom he gave a splendid education and a start in life.

The first appearance of Senator Atkinson in legislative halls was as a member of the House of Representatives in 1875-76, when he took an important part in some of the most important legislation of the day. He served another term in 1888-89. He came to the Senate in 1895 and was one of the leading men of the body. This year, it being Butts' time to furnish the senator, he was again nominated after a hard fight in which he led the forces of the best people of the county in a campaign waged against some local institutions which, in the opinion of many, had abused their privileges. He has been active in the work of the Senate this session and holds a high place in the esteem of his colleagues.

SENATOR HAMILTON CLARK.

HAMILTON CLARK, Senator from the Fourteenth District, was born in Montgomery county, Ga., May 14, 1839. When Dodge county was laid out from Montgomery by the act of the legislature Mr. Clark became a citizen of the new county by operation of law. He has been a farmer since his early years, and by industry and frugality has accumulated a competency.

After serving thorughout the war as a private, Senator Clark returned to his home and resumed his agricultural pursuits. On the 8th of March, 1866, he was married to Miss Margaret Miller, of Montgomery county. Their union proved an exceedingly happy one, and has been blessed by eight children, five of whom are still living, to-wit: Sarah Francis, John M., Hattie E., William H., and Ida May. The ancestors of

Senator Clark were sturdy pioneers. His paternal grandfather, John Clark, was a notable farmer and stockraiser in that section of the State.

Senator Clark has several times served as mayor of his town, and has been a jury commissioner of Dodge county for twenty years. He has never been an office-seeker, and his present honor came to him unsolicited. Only three weeks before the primary a number of prominent men of Dodge county met in Eastman, and without the knowledge or consent of their subject, declared Senator Clark to be the candidate of the better element of the party. His opponent had been canvasing for a year and considered the victory won; many thought Senator Clark's friends were sacrificing him on the altar of duty. The moral element of the county rallied to his support, and in the county primary Senator Clark's majority was over four hundred. In the general election he received every vote cast in the county, a remarkable tribute from the people of his home to his worth as a man and citizen and his fitness for legislative honors. Senator Clark resides at Chauncey, Ga.

SENATOR GABRIEL CLEMENTS.

GABRIEL CLEMENTS, of Montgomery county, represents in the Senate a district composed of Montgomery, Telfair and Irwin counties. He is forty-three years of age and was born in the county of his present residence.

His father was Jacob C. Clements. The maiden name of his mother was Winifred Wilcox. In Mr. Clements' veins is therefore mingled the blood of two of the most prominent families in that section. Representatives of the Wilcox and Clements families are to be found in almost all the wiregrass counties, and they are everywhere progressive and substantial citizens.

Mr. Clements' residence is at Spring Hill. He married Miss Ada Sikes, a member of a well-known Telfair county family. To them have been born

five children, Fred, Henrietta, LeRoy, Gertrude and Alva. The home life of Senator Clements is very happy, and he is peculiarly blessed in this respect.

The limited educational advantages of his section precluded the possibility of receiving a finished education, and his knowledge was largely gained in the county school, supplemented by the work in the world-wide school of experience. Senator Clements early began his connection with the timber business, which took him all over the lumber districts of Georgia and Florida. He has been engaged in saw-milling for a number of years, and is exceedingly well posted in this line of industrial activity.

There is little of the politician in Senator Clements' composition, and he is proud of it. In the past he found no time to devote to politics, and it was only at the urgent solicitation of the people of his county that he made the race for the Senate. He had their entire confidence and respect, and received a very flattering vote.

SENATOR J. T. DUNCAN.

JOHN THOMAS DUNCAN, Senator from the Thirty-sixth district, resides at Douglasville. He is the son of John B. and Martha E. Duncan, and was born near Lithia Springs, Ga., September 12, 1858. He is married and has three children—Willie C., Fred M. and Louise.

He is serving on the following Senate Committees: Chairman Temperance, Finance, Appropriations, Banks and Banking, Manufactures, State Sanitarian, Penitentiary, Academy for Blind, School for Deaf and Dumb; Joint Committee on Finance.

He is a member of the firm of N. B. and J. T. Duncan, general merchants, and also president Douglasville Banking Company.

Senator Duncan served several years in the City Council of Douglassville, and in that capacity was of great value to the city. He has also been

a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas county for some years, serving a portion of the time as chairman. He has taken great interest in the deliberations of the Senate, and is regarded as one of its safest and best members.

SENATOR B. L. TISINGER.

BENJAMIN L. TISINGER, Senator from the Twenty-fifth district, is a native of Talbot county, Georgia, where he was born January 21, 1886. For some years he has been a resident of Upson county, residing at Thomaston. He is a lawyer by profession, and, by unfailing energy and splendid legal attainments, has succeeded in building up a remunerative practice in that county.

Senator Tisinger was elected to the House in 1898, and served his term with entire satisfaction to his constituency. That was his first appearance in political life, with the exception of membership in the City Council of Thomaston. During the present session he has had a leading part in the important legislation of the Senate, and is regarded as one of its ablest and best equipped members.

SENATOR W. P. DODD.

WILLIAM P. DODD, Senator from the 56th district, is a resident of Calhoun, Georgia. He was born at Fairmount, Georgia, August 21, 1872, his parents being A. B. and Mrs. Sallie M. Dodd. He was married December 28, 1898, to Miss Louie Hightower, and to them have been born two children—George A. and Sallie Mae.

Senator Dodd has been prominent in the political life of Gordon County since his eighteenth year. At that age he was elected a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, and continued in that position until this year, when he resigned to make the race for the Senate. He took an active part in the political campaigns in the county and rendered the party splendid service. In 1899 Senator Dodd was elected County School Com-

missioner of Gordon County, and served in that capacity for three years. He instituted a number of reforms in the school system of that county and was one of the best commissioners in the State. He served as mayor of Calhoun during 1900. Senator Dodd is deeply interested in educational matters, and is one of the champions of popular education in the Senate. He has introduced several bills providing for needed reforms in our educational system. He has been in position to give close attention to the needs of our public schools, and his experience has been of splendid service to his colleagues in the Senate.

SENATOR M. L. LEDFORD.

MERCER LAFAYETTE LEDFORD, Senator from the 40th district, resides at Blairsville, Union County, near which place he was born September 24, 1865. He is the son of Silas and Eliza Ledford.

Senator Ledford has several times been chairman of the executive committee of his county. He has also served as president of the county board of education, and was for several years county school commissioner. His early years were spent on the farm and he has had his own way to make without aid from anyone. He has been successful in his endeavors and is one of the leading men of his county.

Senator Ledford was married near Blairsville, June 16, 1897, to Miss Florence Iowa Christopher, of Union County. They have two children, Sarah Eliza and Ina Beulah.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SPEAKER NEWTON A. MORRIS.

NEWTON A. MORRIS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was born in the county of Cherokee, April 2, 1869. Since boyhood he has lived in Cobb County, where for many years he has been a distinct force in politics. He spent the years from 1886 to 1891 in California. Returning to Georgia he entered the law school of the University of Georgia, graduating in the class of 1893. He began practice in Cobb and in a comparatively brief period built up a wide and profitable business in the Blue Ridge Circuit. In 1898 he entered the lists for the Legislature in Cobb, and, after a spirited contest, it was found that he not only led the ticket, but was honored with two-thirds of the vote cast.

Although among the younger members of the House, he soon developed the qualities of a veteran. His knowledge of public affairs, gained by intimate association with men who have aided in making the history of the State, not only gave him practical insight into conditions, but armed him with proper equipment for the discharge of the duties of a legislator. It was not long before the young member had the confidence and esteem of his colleagues. Two years before his election he served as assistant to the solicitor-general of the Blue Ridge Circuit. This valuable training stood him in good stead, giving him great readiness as a debater in a House noted for the unmber of quick thinkers and men of argumentative minds. Mr. Morris took a prominent part in the warm fight for retrenchment in public expenditure to the end that the State government's income might be larger than its outgo.

Although born in the country, and still holding his interests in the country, the young member boldly advocated the contraction of the common school fund. He contended that the course would redound to the interest of all country people by lightening the burden of taxation then put upon them. Indeed, no member is entitled to more credit for the real reforms brought about by that legislature than Mr. Morris.

Two years later, he was re-elected with ease and in recognition of his notable service, was made speaker pro tem. of the house. During the sessions he won reputation as a presiding officer and sustained himself ably on the floor of the House. He was re-elected in 1902, and at the urgent solicitation of friends and admirers all over the State, became a candidate for the speakership of the House. His opponents were the Hon. Fondren Mitchell and the Hon. Emerson George. The race was very exciting. Mr. Morris had a slight lead over Mr. Mitchell, his strongest opponent, from the first. For several ballots there was no material change. The issue was in doubt. But on the eighth ballot Mr. George retired from the contest, and on the first ballot of the afternoon session Mr. Morris secured the necessary two-thirds, with a number of votes to spare, and was duly declared the Speaker. He is one of the youngest Georgians who has won this high office, which he is filling with conspicuous ability.

The success won by Mr. Morris in the practice of his profession throughout the Blue Ridge circuit and in other nearby counties has been marked. Few legal practitioners of his age have succeeded in establishing so lucrative a business in such short time. Mr. Morris has given especial attention to what is ordinarily termed anti-corporation practice and has been successful in some important litigation in the form of damage suits against various railroads. He has consistently refused to accept the representation of railroads, preferring to represent the cause of the people whose property or persons have been injured by the corporations.

Mr. Morris came from the sturdy mountain stock which in the past has furnished the State with many notable men and the supply seems to be in no wise falling off. He is the son of M. P. Morris of Milton County, who was a well known citizen of that section and his mother was, before her marriage, Miss Captie Hays of Cobb County, a member of one of the leading families of the county.

On September 20, 1899, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Cora Cheney of Marietta, and their union has been blessed by two children, Cora Lucille, a beautiful little girl of two years, and a handsome lusty boy who was born only a few days after his father's election to the Speakership.

NEWTON A. MORRIS,

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CLERK JOHN T. BOIFEUILLET.

JOHN THEODORE BOIFEUILLET, of Macon, for four years Clerk of the House of Representatives, and who was overwhelmingly re-elected to this position at the present session of the Legislature, is one of the best known men in the State.

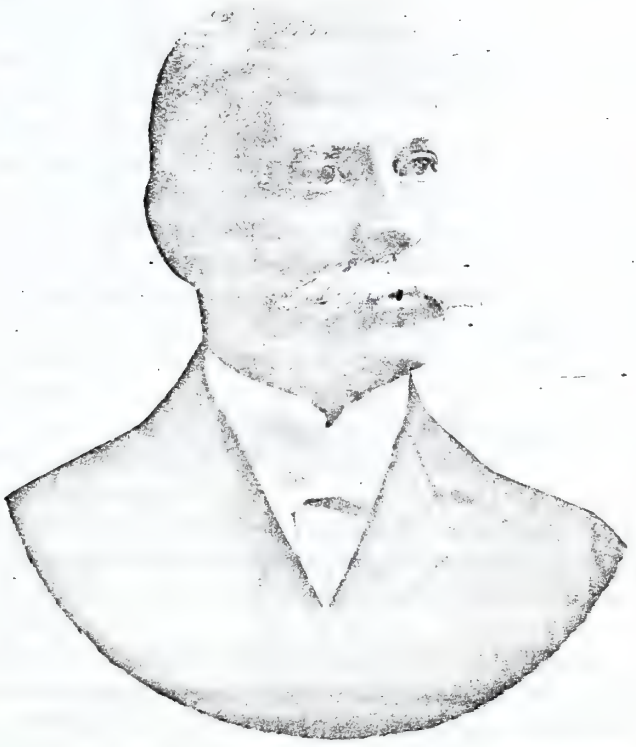
Mr. Boifeuillet was born in Macon, August 3, 1859. His parents were Hon. John T. Boifeuillet, Sr., and Annie Lydia McKinnon. He graduated at Mercer University with class distinction and society honors. Among his classmates were Gov. W. D. Jelks, of Alabama; ex-Congressman Thomas E. Watson, the distinguished historian; ex-Congressman C. L. Moses, who is a member of the present Legislature; Hon. Seaborn made in his senior year at college when he was elected anniversariun of the C. L. Moses, who will be a member of the next Legislature; Hon. Seaborn Wright, and other eminent Georgians. The first test of his popularity was made in his senior year at college when he was elected anniversarian of the Ciceronian Society after an exciting contest which aroused interest in collegiate circles throughout the State. The triumph that attended him then was a forerunner of the numerous political victories that have crowned him since. Mercer University bestowed upon him the degree of A. B. and A. M.

Mr. Boifeuillet adopted journalism as his profession. He rapidly went from reporter to city editor, managing editor and editor. He was formerly city editor and managing editor of the "Macon Telegraph," and was for years editor of the "Macon Evening News." For more than twelve years he has been the Macon correspondent of the "Atlanta Constitution."

In 1890, while editor of the "Macon Evening News," he was first elected to the Legislature from Bibb County. He led the ticket over several candidates by a large majority. He was triumphantly re-elected three times afterwards in hotly contested elections. In his fourth and last race there were eight candidates, and he came out of this, like he did the first one, at the head of the ticket, leading all his contestants easily.

During his eight years of continuous service as a member of the Legislature Mr. Boifeuillet played a brilliant part. He ranked high as a debater, was a skilled parliamentarian, and made a model presiding officer. He was the author of many important bills that passed the Legislature, but in none of his work did he take more pride and interest than in what he did in behalf of education and labor. Among the educational bills introduced by him, and which became laws, were the following:

A bill to appropriate $20,000 to inaugurate the State Normal School at Athens.



JOHN T. BOIFEUILLET,

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill to establish the State Textile School at Atlanta, the first of the kind in the South. A marble slab has been erected at this school in honor of Mr. Boifeuillet.

A bill to appropriate $25,000 to build a dormitory for the Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville, and which was named "Atkinson Hall" in honor of Governor Atkinson.

A bill creating a book commission, which had for its purpose the obtaining of better and cheaper public school books.

He also introduced a bill providing quarterly payments to the public school teachers in place of the old system of annual payment, and advocated numerous other measures beneficial to the public schools of the State.

Mr. Boifeuillet was equally zealous in behalf of labor.

At the request of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers he introduced a bill which is now the law of the State, which makes it unlawful for any railroad company to employ in this State any telegraph operator to receive and transmit messages governing the movement of trains, who is less than eighteen years old, and who has not had at least one year's experience as a telegraph operator. The purpose of this law is to make railroad travel more safe. It is said that many railroad accidents have been caused by the inefficiency and inexperience of telegraphers.

He also introduced a bill to require railroads to pay their employes at least monthly, and have a fixed time of the month for payment.

He also advocated the following bills:

To prohibit railroads blacklisting employes; to prohibit the working of the convicts of the State in competition with free labor; to prohibit children under twelve years of age working in factories; to make September 1 Labor Day and a legal holiday in Georgia.

After serving continuously for eight years as a member of the Legislature, Mr. Boifeuillet was overwhelmingly elected Clerk of the House in 1898 over a combination of four candidates, and so efficiently and popularly did he discharge his duties that he was unanimously re-elected in 1900, and was triumphantly re-elected this year.

Mr. Boifeuillet has received complimentary appointments by governors, such as member of their staff and trustee of State institutions. He has been favored with important municipal offices at home, and has been a delegate to numerous political conventions.

It is confidently predicted that in the near future Mr. Boifeuillet will reap higher honors than any he has yet enjoyed.

In 1882 Mr. Boifeuillet married Miss Clara Nutting, daughter of Col. C. A. Nutting, a leading banker of Macon, and by this marriage he has two attractive daughters, Misses Bessie and Clare Boifeuillet. Mrs. Boifeuillet's lamentable death occurred in February, 1901.

JOHN WESLEY AKIN.

JOHN WESLEY AKIN, Representative of Bartow County, was born in Cassville, Bartow County, Georgia, June 10, 1859. He graduated at Emory College, in 1877, where he received A. B. and A. M. degrees and was awarded Speakers' places—as Sophomore on declamation; as Junior and Senior, on scholarship. He took the Boynton Medal for the best essay, open to the college, and was elected successively to every office in his Literary Society, including first President from his Class and Anniversarian.

He was admitted to the bar at Cartersville, Georgia, in 1878, where he has since resided and practiced law. In 1882 he was married to Miss Frances Trippe Johnson, grand-daughter of Judge Turner Trippe and daughter of the late Abda Johnson, who served several terms in the Legislature before the war, was a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention of 1877, colonel of the 40th Georgia Regiment in the Confederate army, and one of the ablest lawyers in Georgia.

Judge Akin's mother was formerly Miss Mary de Verdery, whose family left France during the Revolution of 1789. His father was the late Warren Akin, the only man ever elected in his first term Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, a member of the Confederate Congress, one of the most eminent lawyers of his day, an eloquent speaker and a local Methodist preacher.

Judge Akin has devoted himself to his profession and business interests. Until his election to the Legislature in 1902, by the biggest majority ever given a candidate in Bartow County, he held only one public office—that of Judge of the City Court of Bartow County, to which he was appointed about ten years ago without being an applicant. He has been President of the Board of Education of Cartersville Public Schools ever since they were organized, and is a member of the Methodist Church. He has three children, Mary de Verdery, Lillian Gatewood and Frances Berto.

Judge Akin is a thirty-second degree Mason, Past Master and Past High Priest, Past Junior Grand Warden of Georgia, and author of "Akin's Lodge Manual and Masonic Law Digest," now in its fifth thousand and second

edition, the adopted standard of Georgia Masonry. He was for ten years Secretary and afterwards President of the Georgia Bar Association. He is the author of several addresses and essays whose publication attracted wide attention. Among them, "The Poet Bleckley," "Sidney Lanier," "Aggressions of the Federal Courts," "The Fourth Form of Government," "Hiram Warner," "Jefferson Davis," "Benjamin H. Hill," "The Real John Marshall," "The Circuit Judge," "The Kingdom of Light and The Vanished King," etc. He is also conjoint author of the "Van Epps-Akin Index-Digest of Georgia Reports," three volumes of about 3,500 pages, considered the most comprehensive work of its kind extant.

During the present session Judge Akin is Chairman of the Committee on Amendments to Constitution, Vice-Chairman of the General Judiciary and a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Judge Akin's law practice is among the best. He is the largest landowner in Bartow County and has been largely concerned in the development of the mineral interests of his section.

HON. WILLIAM V. ALMAND.

WILLIAM VOLANY ALMAND, Representative from Rockdale County, is a native of the adjoining County of Newton, having been born in the latter county on March 31, 1850. He is the son of J. L. Almand, a brave soldier of the Confederacy, and Annie Dennard Almand, of Newton County. Mr. Almand was married December 21, 1871, to Miss Lenorah E. Kennon, a daughter of Hinman Kennon of Kentucky. E. L. Almand, a prominent business man of Social Circle and Mrs. Dabney of Conyers are their children. By occupation Mr. Almand is a funeral director and undertaker. His political service, has been as member of the Board of Education of Rockdale, Board of Education of Conyers, alderman and afterwards mayor of Conyers. He was elected to the House by a handsome majority, and has been appointed to serve on the following committees: Appropriations; Georgia School for the Deaf; Manufactures. His residence is at Conyers.

HON. WALTER E. STEED.

WALTER E. STEED, Representative from Taylor County, is a native of Talbot County, Georgia, having been born in that county on September 23, 1867. He is a lawyer by profession, being engaged in the practice at Butler when not occupied with legislative duties. He was married on June 3, 1893, to Miss Isabella Corbin Carithers, of Butler, and one child, William Walter, blesses their union.

Mr. Steed made his appearance in official life at an early age, being elected mayor of Butler soon after attaining his majority. So satisfactory was his administration that he was re-elected for another term and in the year 1897 he again occupied the position. In 1882 he was a member of the State Executive Committee from the Third Congressional District and during the years 1900-1902 is serving on the same body as a member from the State at large. He has also been Judge of the County Court of Taylor County and County School Commissioner of that County. He was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-third District in 1898, to the House from Taylor in 1900, and again this year. His public career has been uniformly successful and he has taken a prominent part in the deliberations of both branches of the General Assembly.

Mr. Steed is a pleasing and graceful speaker and is one of the leaders of the present House. At one time he contemplated standing for the Speakership and his entrance into the race would have complicated matters extremely, as he was one of the most popular members of the last House and had a strong following over the State. For the present session Mr. Steed is serving on the following important committees: Chairman of Penitentiary Committee; Amendments to Constitution; Appropriations; Corporations; Education; General Judiciary; Hall and Rooms; Pensions; Railroads; and University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. WILLIAM S. HOWELL.

WILLIAM S. HOWELL, Representative from Meriwether, was born in Greene county July 11, 1859. His father, Samuel A. Howell, was a member of Hanleiter's Battery of Artillery in the Confederate service, and died of typhoid fever at Savannah in 1864. His mother's maiden name was Miss Georgia Ely.

By profession Mr. Howell is a lawyer. He graduated at Mercer University in 1882 and taught school for several years in Greenville. After reading law under Major John W. Park, he was admitted to the bar in 1889 and has since practiced his profession in Greenville. He has been twice married, first to Miss Hattie E. Kilpatrick of White Plains, Georgia, and after her death, to Miss Annie M. Davidson of Greenville.

The only office held by Mr. Howell before coming to the House, was, membership on the Board of Education of Meriwether county. He was elected to the House in 1900 and again this year.

Mr. Howell took rank in the House last session as one of its most energetic and best posted members and his constituency having done themselves the honor of returning him, he is better fitted than before for active and intelligent service. He is a student of measures and a close observer of men and things and were his ambitions political instead of legal aspirations, Meriwether County, which has furnished so many occupants of high offices, would find in Mr. Howell in a few years a man well worthy to adorn any position in the gift of the people. Mr. Howell is an able and successful lawyer and has no desire to dabble in politics until it becomes habitual.

Mr. Howell is a member of the Special Judiciary Committee.

HON. I. W. MAYSON.

J. W. MAYSON, of Decatur, Representative of DeKalb County, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1852. Sprung from a sturdy ancestry, he gave promise in early life of the successful career he has since achieved.

He was educated in the common schools of his native county and received a thorough training in the rudimentary branches of English. Subsequently he attended the Medical University, at Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from that institution in 1876.

Locating in Fulton County, he was appointed Superintendent and Physician for the Alms House, which position he filled acceptably for five years. Continuing in his profession, he did a general practice in North Atlanta until his removal to Decatur, Georgia, in 1891, when he retired and entered the real estate business. Such is the confidence of the people of Decatur in his integrity and practical good sense that they have honored him with the office of Mayor for eight years, which position he still occupies.

In 1898 he was elected to the Legislature from DeKalb County and served his constituency for two years with fidelity and efficiency. To show their appreciation of his services, they again elected him to the same honorable body for the years 1902-3.

Dr. Mayson has been twice married, first to Miss Collier, of Fulton County, by whom he has four children still living. In 1902 he was again married, this time to Miss Zachry, of Henry County.

He is an enthusiastic Mason and has done much to make his local lodge one of the most flourishing in the State. As Deacon and Warden and Master, he has endeared himself to his brother Masons and made character and reputation for himself.

For years he has been identified with the Methodist Church and has always contributed liberally both with his means and influence to the support and furtherance of Christian institutions.

As a business man he is a marked success, having accumulated a comfortable fortune for himself and managed with judgment the affairs of others.

Of genial and sunny nature, affable and approachable, he is singularly popular, and has won his place with the people as much by his kindliness of heart as by his worth as a man and citizen.

During the present session Dr. Mayson is serving as Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and is a member of the following: Banks and Banking, Georgia State Sanitarium, Penitentiary, Special Agriculture.

HON. B. S. MILLER.

BRICK STONEWALL MILLER, of Muscogee County, was born in Buena Vista, Marion County, Georgia, on February 14, 1868. He is the son of E. W. Miller, who was born in Columbia County, but moved to Monroe County while he was yet a boy, and there received his early education.

The father of B. S. Miller commenced the study of law at Talbotton, Georgia, in the office of Geo. W. Towns, afterwards Governor of the State. At Buena Vista, Georgia, the county seat, he formed a partnership with John Campbell, then Solicitor-General of the Chattahoochee Circuit. Afterwards he formed a partnership with Mark H. Blandford, who later became one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Georgia. His next partnership was with Judge William B. Butt, now Judge of the Chattahoochee Circuit. In 1852 he was elected the first Ordinary of Marion County. He was a major of militia during the war and distinguished himself at the battle of Griswoldville ,where he lost a great number of his command. On several occasions since the war, he has represented Marion County in the Legislature. He was always a Democrat and always foremost in the battle for the supremacy of Democratic principles. He died

at Buena Vista, Georgia, on September 4, 1892, and was buried with Masonic honors, having been a Mason of high degree for many years.

B. S. Miller was reared and received his earliest education in the town of Buena Vista, and, later, graduated at the University of Georgia with the degree of bachelor of law, in the class of 1888. At the commencement of 1888, he was one of the champion debaters chosen by the Demosthenean Society. He was also selected by the society to deliver at this commencement a eulogy on the life and character of Chancellor Patrick H. Mell. Lucian L. Knight was selected by the Phi Kappa Society for the same purpose. After his graduation, he traveled over the United States for a year, and, in August, 1890, located in Columbus, Georgia, and began the practice of law, at which he is now engaged. He is also a planter, owning a large plantation of 2,500 acres near Columbus, Georgia, whereon he runs as many as thirty plows, making three hundred bales of cotton per year. He takes a great pride in his plantation and it is said to be one of the best in that section of the State.

Mr. Miller was President of the Young Men's Democratic League of Muscogee County during the famous Atkinson-Evans campaign in the spring of 1894, and took an active part for Governor Atkinson, and his county gave Atkinson a large majority. He was a delegate to the gubernatorial convention which nominated Governor Atkinson, and seconded his nomination. He was a delegate to the Congressional Convention at Warm Springs, from the Fourth District, in August, 1894. He is now serving his second term as a member of the Georgia Legislature from Muscogee County. He first served in 1900-1901 and was chairman of the Pension Committee, and chairman of the Congressional Re-apportionment Committee. He was also a member of the General Judiciary, Appropriations, Ways and Means, Western and Atlantic Railroad, and other important commiteees.

Mr. Miller married Mary Elizabeth Wooten, of Buena Vista, Georgia, on November 6, 1896. She was a daughter of William Wooten, the banker, of Dawson, Georgia. At the time of the marriage her mother, Mrs. Anna P. Wooten, who was a widow, lived in Buena Vista. They have no children.

Like all men who have achieved more than ordinary success in life, Mr. Miller has a woman to thank for it. In this case it is a "step-mother," and it is, unfortunately, an instance altogether too rare. Being left motherless at an early age, Mr. Miller's father married again, his second wife being Mrs. Fannie Etheridge Butler. Mr. Miiler says himself "No boy ever had a better mother, and all that I am I owe to her and a good wife." Mr. Miller's own mother was Miss Sallie Jones, of Pike County.

Mr. Miller is Chairman of the Committee on University of Georgia and its Branches and a member of the Amendments to Constitution, Appropriations, Education, General Judiciary, Labor and Labor Statistics committees.

HON. JOHN LUTHER KENT.

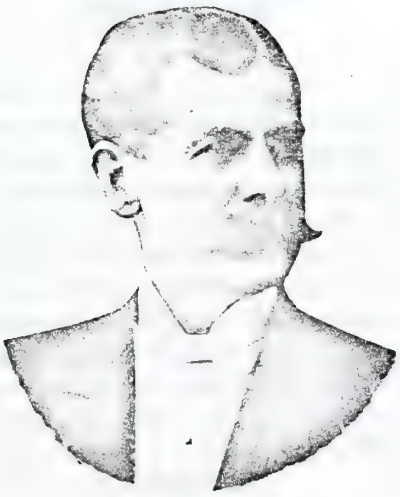
JOHN LUTHER KENT is one of the new men in the lower House this term. He comes from Wrightsville, Johnson County, where he bears the reputation of being one of the strongest members of the bar.

He was born at Wrightsville, March 27, 1868. His parents are Capt. T. W. and Mrs. Martha B. Kent.

He was educated in the common schools of Johnson, and farmed for several years. He read law and was admitted to the bar in 1894, and has built up a large practice and a nice estate.

He was married, October 15, 1890, to Miss Clara Virginia Trawick of Linton, Georgia. Four children, two girls and two boys, have blessed this union.

HON. JAMES R. BROCK.



JAMES RUSSELL BROCK who represents the county of Dade, is a native of that county and was born in Trenton, June 20, 1861. He is the son of Dr. William E. Brock, a well-known physician of that locality. The member from Dade is by profession a physician and has been connected with the State Penitentiary for fifteen years or more, most of the time in the capacity of physician to the camps in Dade County and part of the time as superintendent of the Dade mines. Dr. Brock was married at Gadsden, Alabama, in October, 1889, to Miss Delia Fahey and to them have been born two children, Lalla M. and J. Raymond Brock. Although he has always

been an active worker in the party ranks, Dr. Brock has never before held office. He resides at Cole City and has been appointd to serve on several committees, among them being the Committees on General Agriculture; Hygiene and Sanitation; Penitentiary; Railroads.

HON. NAT D. ARNOLD.

NAT D. ARNOLD, Representative from Oglethorpe county, who is one of the most successful business men and planters of his county, was born in Wilkes county, March 9, 1869. He is related to a number of the most inflential families in that section of the State, among them being the Callaways, Lumpkins and Johnsons. He was married to Miss Annie Callaway of Wilkes, and they have one child, Katie Mae.

Mr. Arnold has now large manufacturing and wholesale mercantile interests, but nearly all his life has devoted his attention to agriculture and has come to be one of the largest planters in his section. He owns about eight thousand acres of land and makes about one thousand bales of cotton annually, all of his farming interests being conducted under his immediate supervision. He is also largely interested in the Arnold Grocery Company, of Athens, which concern does a successful business in its line.

Since reaching his majority, Mr. Arnold has been called upon by his people to fill many offices of honor and trust in his county, which he has done acceptably and well. He was elected to the Legislature for the first time in 1896, again in 1898, and once more this year. He is an experienced and conscientious legislator and gives his county splendid service. He has been appointed to serve on the following committees: Education; Invalid Pensions; Penitentiary; Railroads. He is also vice-chairman of the Committee on General Agriculture.

HON. WILLIAM HARDEN.

WILLIAM HARDEN, Representative of Chatham county, is a native of the county which he now represents, having been born in Savannah on the 11th of November, 1844. His parents were Edward J. and Sophia H. (Maxwell) Harden and on each side he is descended from some of the notable patriots of the early days of the colony. On the 11th of December, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary E. Davenport in the city of Savannah.

Mr. Harden is one of the best-posted writers on historical subjects in the South, and has contributed articles along this line to various magazines from time to time. He is an antiquarian of considerable repute, a member of divers societies and scientific bodies throughout the country.

He was in the Confederate service throughout the entire war, being a member of Company F, 54th Georgia Infantry, and also served some time in the Signal Corps. He was appointed Assistant Librarian of the Georgia Historical Society in 1866, and in August, 1869, was elected Librarian, which position he has since held. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences in Savannah, and is Custodian of that institution. He is also a prominent member of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the Revolution and is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He has served one term previously in the House, and during the present session is a member of the committees on Enrollment, Georgia School for the Deaf, Military Affairs, Public Library and Temperance.

The recent noteworthy revival of the interest on the part of our people in the history of Georgia during the early days may be traced in large part to the indefatigable labors of William Harden. There has been little interest taken in the proper preservation of the records of colonial times, and for years the patriotic societies of the State were in a moribund condition. Mr. Harden was instrumental in the revival of the Georgia division of the Sons of the Revolution, and has for a number of years been its secretary. Com-

ing from distinguished Revolutionary ancestry, both paternal and maternal, it was but natural that he should take great interest in such matters. Savannah is the center of historical research in this State, and Mr. Harden is the best posted among its citizens in this important work.

HON. JOHN A. CROMARTIE.

JOHN ALEXANDER CROMARTIE, Representative of Appling County, which he describes as the leading county in the State from an alphabetical standpoint at least, is a native of North Carolina. He was born at Whitehall, Bladen County, on May 6, 1861, and came to Georgia twenty-one years ago. His parents, Alexander K. and Kate A. Cromartie were of Scotch descent, their ancestors, who came to this county from Cromartie County, Scotland, being among the early Presbyterian settlers of North Carolina and their son is at present a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church at Hazlehurst, where his home is.

Among some of Mr. Cromartie's notable ancestors were his grandfather, Capt. Daniel Monroe and his uncle, Maj. John Monroe, of North Carolina.

Mr. Cromartie served four terms as mayor of Hazlehurst and was directly instrumental in building a magnificent school building there and giving the town one of the best schools in that section. He was also chairman of the Executive Committee of his county during some of the hottest campaigns against the Populists in that county. He has been engaged in the naval stores and lumber business since coming to Georgia, until recently, when he took up merchandising and farming. He was married November 18, 1885, at Graham, Georgia, to Miss Mattie Lee Williams and they have six children, Alex, Hendrick, Esten, Annette, Norma and Earl. This is Mr. Cromartie's first term in the House and he will take rank among the well-posted, well-balanced, hard-working representatives who look closely after the interests of their constituency and the State. He has been appointed by Speaker Morris to serve on the following committees: County and County Matters; Immigration; Invalid Pensions; Roads and Bridges.

HON. CLEMENT EVANS DUNBAR.

HON. C. E. DUNBAR is the youngest of the three members from Richmond County. He was born in Augusta, September 25, 1875. He comes from one of the most prominent families of that city, his parents being Wm. M. and Rebecca Dunbar.

Mr. Dunbar is by profession a lawyer. He is a graduate of the University, and since his graduation has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Augusta. By his attention to business, and by his charming personality, he has been enabled to build up quite a large practice and also a leadership in local politics.

Mr. Dunbar is serving on the committees on Enrollment, Military Affairs, Mines and Mining, Special Judiciary and University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. ISRAEL MAPLES.

HON. ISRAEL MAPLES, member from Mitchell County, is one of the prominent men of South Georgia. He is serving his second term in the lower House.

He was born in Mitchell County, January 29, 1848. His father was Israel Maples, who came from Moore County, North Carolina. His mother was Miss Musgrave, of Baldwin County, Georgia. In 1867, he was married to Miss Maggie Pullen, a daughter of Dr. Moses Pullen. In 1869, Mr. Maples moved to Texas, and lived there until 1883. Returning to Georgia, he established a farm near his father, and upon

his death he purchased the old homestead, where he now resides.

Mr. Maple's father fought in the Indian War in the 40's, and was in the noted battles of Calawahee and Chickasawhachee. He was a great hunter. He was also prominent in politics, representing his county twice in the house and once in the senate. He was serving in the house when the State seceded from the Union.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Maples has been blessed by nine children, six sons and three daughters.

HON. PLEASANT A. STOVALL.

PLEASANT A. STOVALL is one of the three members from Chatham in the lower House. While this is Mr. Stovall's first term in the House, he is not a novice in legislative work, and there is not a man on the floor more familiar with the State laws and the work of legislation than he.

Mr. Stovall was born in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia, July 10, 1857. His parents were Bolling A. and Martha W. Stovall. In 1885, he was happily married to Miss Mary Ganahl, daughter of Judge Ganahl of Augusta, who up to the time of his death, some four years ago, was very prominent in political and professional circles.

Mr. Stovall is by profession an editor. After leaving college, he was on the staff of the "Augusta Chronicle" for a number of years, receiving his newspaper training under the late lamented ex-Senator Patrick Walsh, editor and owner of "The Augusta Chronicle."

Early in the 90's, Mr. Stovall moved to Savannah and established the "Savannah Press." He has managed the paper most successfully. "The Press" editorial page, which is recognized as one of the brightest in the South, is widely read and quoted. The paper is to-day one of the best pieces of newspaper property in the South.

While his newspaper work has kept him too busy to participate in office holding, Mr. Stovall has not been without honors. He was trustee of the State University for six years, from July 1886, and since February, 1896, has been

a trustee of the public schools of Chatham County. He held positions on the staffs of both Governors Northen and Atkinson.

Mr. Stovall's marriage is blessed by three bright children, Sada, Pleasant and Joseph.

Mr. Stovall is noted as a writer and speaker, and on the floor of the house there is not a man more eloquent and masterful in debate.

He is Vice-chairman of the Committee on the University of Georgia and its Branches and is a member of Education, General Agriculture, Journals, Military Affairs and Ways and Means Committees.

HON. HERBERT M. FRANKLIN.

HERBERT MITCHELL FRANKLIN, Representative of Washington County, was born at Tennille, Georgia, on November 6, 1867, the son of Samuel O. and Mary E. Franklin, and is still a resident of the place of his birth. Mr. Franklin has filled positions of honor and trust in his native town ever since his majority and has been identified in many ways with its advancement. He served three terms as mayor and was alderman for eleven years and was president of the Chatauqua Association several years ago which gave one of the most successful chatauquas ever known in a town of similar size. He also served on the county Executive Committee for several years and rendered his party splendid service and was a delegate to the National Convention of the party in Chicago in 1896.

Mr. Franklin was married to Miss Helen Rogers at Barnesville, February 3, 1894, and two children have been born to them, Julia Franklin and Herbert M. Jr. He is serving his second term in the House and is an experienced and able legislator, takes great interest in the proceedings of the body and a prominent part in its deliberations. Speaker Morris has appointed Mr. Franklin to serve on the following important committees: Appropriations; General

Agriculture; Chairman of Committee on Georgia State Sanitarium; Military Affairs; Penitentiary; Special Judiciary; University of Georgia and its Branches, and Education.

Few members of the House have ever taken such high rank during their first term as did Mr. Franklin. He is active and alert and has made himself well-versed in parliamentary procedure. Ever since his entrance into the legislative field, he has made a close study of economic questions and important measures that come before the House. He is especially interested in labor questions, and has been a consistent and firm advocate of the various measures that have come before the House for the prevention of the labor of children in the cotton mills of the State. Possessed of a fine presence, a good flow of language, and an easy, affable manner, Mr. Franklin is thoroughly at home on the floor of the House, and his numerous friends enthusiastically predict a bright political future for him.

HON. HENRY F. GRIFFIN.

HENRY FAULK GRIFFIN, of Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, is one of the hard working members of the lower House. This is his third term.

Mr. Griffin was born at Big Sandy, Georgia, January 6, 1859. His parents were E. S. and A. M. Griffin. He is happily married, and six children, three boys and three girls, have blessed his union.

Mr. Griffin is one of Twigg's wealthiest and most enterprising farmers. He has not been without political honors, having served his people as justice of the peace, sheriff and lastly, as member of the House, now entering upon his third term.

Mr. Griffin's father, the late E. S. Griffin, left a fine record as a legislator. He represented his county several years before and during the civil war, and served in this capacity some twenty years since and was a member at the time of his death.

HON. GASTON D. BRUCE.

GASTON D. BRUCE, Representative of the county of Lumpkin, was born in that county on October 13, 1861, and is by occupation a photographer. He is the son of Aquilla and Elizabeth Bruce and has resided in his native county most of his life. In 1895 he was elected tax assessor of Noble County, Oklahoma and on his return to Georgia was elected Chief of Police of Dahlonega. He represented Lumpkin in the last House and for this session is filling the following committee appointments: Appropriations; Enrollment; Georgia State Sanitarium; Special Judiciary.

Mr. Bruce is naturally very much interested in the welfare of the North Georgia Agricultural College.

HON. LAMARTINE G. HARDMAN.

LAMARTINE GRIFFIN HARDMAN, Representative from Jackson County, is a well-known physician and surgeon of Harmony Grove and a leading capitalist of that section of the State. He has been prominent professionally and along industrial lines in his native county where he still resides.

Dr. Hardman was born in Harmony Grove, Jackson County, on April 14, 1856, his parents being W. B. J. and S. E. Hardman. He has remained in the county of his birth, taking an active part in its advancement along industrial and business lines. He is president of the Northwestern Banking Company; of the Harmony Grove Mills; of the Hard-

man Roller Mills and is also owner of a sanatorium at Harmony Grove. Beside these varied interests, he is also a farmer on an extensive scale and in short is one of the captains of industry of his section. He is prominent and progressive and an aggressive developer of the natural resources of the State. Dr. Hardman has never married, being, it might be said, wedded to his profession. He is well-fitted to take an active part in the deliberations of the House and has been appointed to membership on the following committees: Chairman of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation; Appropriations; Enrollment; General Agriculture; Labor and Labor Statistics and Manufactures.

HON. JOHN N. HOLDER.

JOHN NATHANIEL HOLDER, Representative of Jackson County, was born in the County of which he is now a representative in the lower branch of the State Legislature on July 22, 1868, and by profession is editor of the "Jackson Herald," a weekly newspaper published at Jefferson. His parents were Thomas R. Holder and Martha Pendergrass Holder. George Whitfield, the eminent preacher, is an ancestor of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Holder was married to Miss Ada May McElhannon at Jefferson on July 1, 1891, and they are blessed with three children, Eric, Kathleen and Marguerite.

Mr. Holder's introduction to the service of the people was as president of the Board of Education of Jackson County, from 1896 to 1898, and in the latter year he was elected to the Legislature and served during 1898-1899. At the next election as it was Jackson's time to name the Senator from the Thirty-third District, he was promoted to the upper House. The habit of representation getting a hold on him, he stood for the House at the last election and was again successful. He has always been a Democrat and has fought the party's battles in his paper and was also at one time member of the Executive Commitee of the Ninth Congressional District. He graduated at the State University with the Class of 1890, taking first honor. During the present session he is a member of the following committees: Chairman of Committee on Education; Appropriations; Penitentiary; W. & A. R. R.

HON. ALBERT M. DEAL.

ALBERT M. DEAL, Representative from Bulloch County, is filling his second term. He was born in Bulloch County, January 2, 1868. His father was John Deal, a thrifty farmer of that county, and his mother came from the McElveen family.

Mr. Deal was educated at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., graduating in the law department in 1896. He has practiced law at Statesboro since December, 1896, and has built up an extensive and lucrative practice.

In September, 1897, he was appointed by Governor Atkinson solicitor of the county court of Bulloch County to fill an unexpired term in that office. In October, 1898, he was reappointed solicitor by Governor Allen D. Candler, which position he held until October, 1900, when he was elected to the General Assembly.

Mr. Deal comes from one of the most progressive counties in the State, and his success professionally and politically reflects credit upon his ability and enterprise.

He has always been an ardent Democrat, and active in campaign work when his party needed his services.

He is an active member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Deal took quite a prominent stand in the house during his first term. He is a gifted orator and in many debates on the floor in which he engaged, he sustained himself with credit and to the admiration of his many friends.

Mr. Deal's committee appointments are Manufactures, Mines and Mining, Pensions and Special Judiciary and on each of these he is a most energetic and valuable worker.

HON. DANIEL E. NISBET.

DANIEL EVANS NISBET. Representative from Burke County, is a scion of one of Georgia's old and distinguished families, and in his veins runs the blood of many ancestors who have been prominent in the public eye, for generations in the State. He was born in Macon on February 18, 1863, his father being Charles A. Nisbet, a well-known lawyer, and his mother the daughter of Daniel Evans, a wealthy planter of Burke County. His father was a son of Eugenius A. Nisbet, one of the most distinguished lawyers in the State and a member of the Supreme Court for years. The subject of this sketch is related to the well known Georgia families of Evans, Battles and Greens.

Before the war the Nisbet and Evans families were wealthy, but that conflict, resulted in the destruction of their property along with that of their neighbors and friends and Mr. Nisbet's early years were passed amid straightened circumstances. His father died in Houston county in 1871 and the youth was taken to the home of Judge J. T. Nisbet in Macon, where he received several years schooling and expected to attend Mercer University, but the necessities of the family called him home to Burke County to take upon his boyish shoulders the support of his widowed mother and orphan sisters. His is the usual story of the self-made man who gains his education by hard work and appreciates it all the more.

In 1884 Mr. Nisbet was married to Miss A. A. Greiner, of Augusta, and they have six children, three boys and three girls. By occupation he is a farmer and teacher, and he has been highly successful in each calling. This is his first public office, but coming from a long line of legislators and public men he will illustrate the great county of Burke to the advantage of his constituency. His committee appointments are: County and County Matters; Internal Improvements.

HON. JOHN J. FLYNT.

JOHN JAMES FLYNT, Representative from Spalding County, was born at Griffin in that county on September 22, 1872. His parents were Tilghman W. and Martha Turner Flynt, his father being a prominent citizen of that county. Mr. Flynt is unmarried.

Mr. Flynt never offered for public office until 1900 when he became a candidate for the House of Representatives and was elected. So pleased were his constituents with his record in the last House that he was returned for the present term and thereby hangs a tale which is interesting as showing an habitual political peculiarity of one of the leading counties in the State. Mr. Flynt is the first man to be elected to serve two full terms in the House of Representatives from Spalding County in the last thirty-five years. This is a very peculiar feature of Spalding politics and one that can hardly be duplicated in the State, for generally it is the rule for a representative to be returned for the second term, and so general has the custom become in many other counties that it is looked upon in the light of a vindication of his legislative career. It is no small tribute to Mr. Flynt's popularity with the people of his county and his ability as a legislator that he has broken a rule of so long standing.

Mr. Flynt studied law under Ex-Governor James S. Boynton and was admitted to the bar in Griffin in the fall of 1895 and has since been engaged in the successful practice of his profession. He is serving on the following committees: Amendments to Constitution; Appropriations; General Judiciary; Military Affairs; University of Georgia and its Branches. He is also Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

HON. WARREN GRICE.

WARREN GRICE, Representative of Pulaski County, was born at Perry, in Houston County on December 6, 1875. His father, Judge Washington L. Grice, has been a member of the State Senate, lieutenant colonel of the 45th Georgia Regiment in the Confederate army and judge of the Macon circuit. His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Mattie V. Warren, daughter of General Eli Warren of Perry and niece of Lott Warren of Albany and Peter Love of Thomasville, both circuit judges and members of Congress. Judge Love was one of the seven members from Georgia who withdrew from Congress when their State seceded.

Mr. Grice was married June 18, 1901, to Miss Clara E. Rumph, at Willow Lake, near Marshallville, the splendid country home of her father, Mr. Samuel H. Rumph. They have one child, Ruth. He was educated at Mercer University where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and is now an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Pythias.

The first political service of Mr. Grice was as member of the House of Representatives in 1900-01, when he was a member of the following committees: General Judiciary; Pensions; Temperance; Ways and Means; Military; Education; Contested Elections; Congressional Re-apportionment; Amendments to Constitution. He is Captain of the Pulaski Volunteers, G. S. T. and a member of the law firm of W. L. Grice & Sons, with his father and brother, Herbert L.

During the present session Mr. Grice is serving on the committees on Auditing; Excuse of Members; Georgia State Sanitarium; Manufactures; Journals; Military Affairs; Special Judiciary and Ways and Means.

HON. PEYTON M. HAWES.

PEYTON MOSELEY HAWES, Representative from Elbert County, is serving his second term in the House, having been a member of that body during the years 1900-1901. By profession he is a banker and farmer and has been a leading business man of his town, Elberton, for a number of years, but has recently retired from active business life. Mr. Hawes was born in Lincoln County, Georgia, on November 8, 1859, the son of Moseley and Jane B. Hawes. His first appearance in official life was as mayor of Elberton, which position he filled for two terms and at the expiration of the second term was elected a member of the city council, of which body he continued a leader for three consecutive terms. He was married to Miss Jessie McIntosh of Elbert County on December 8, 1880. They have no children.

During his service in the House, Mr. Hawes has been one of the leading members, giving especial attention to financial matters and reforms in the banking laws of the State. For the present session he is Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, and is also a member of the following committees: Appropriations; General Agriculture; Military Affairs; Penitentiary; Pensions, of which committee he is Chairman; University of Georgia and its Branches.

Mr. Hawes is a splendid example of the successful business man who, after accumulating a competency, retires from active business life and devotes his time to the management of his vested interests. Such men as he, when they turn their attention to legislative work, make the most valuable members of the body, and it is safe to say that there is no member of the House more competent to deal with the important financial and industrial questions that come before the Legislature than the genial Representative from Elbert. Long business training and ripe experience in the management of important financial institutions make splendid training for the law-making body, and a man so fitted is better equipped to render the State and his constituency effective service than is a member who comes through a desire for

political influence and experience. While Mr. Hawes is a working member rather than a politician, his admirers predict that there are other honors within his reach shoul dhe desire them.

HON. J. B. McCURRY.

JULIAN B. McCURRY is serving his first term as Representative from Hart county. He was born at Hartwell April 22, 1879, and is one of the youngest men who ever sat in the House.

He is a son of Asbury G. McCurry and Francis Norton McCurry, nee Benson. Among his notable ancestors are the Blasingames of South Carolina.

Mr. McCurry is a lawyer by profession, and a successful one. He is unmarried.

He was a member of Governor Candler's staff.

He was nominated over four opponents to the House, and bears the distinction of being the youngest man ever nominated to the General Assembly from Hart County. His father, Asbury G. McCurry, was the youngest member of the House, session 1878.

Mr. McCurry is the junior member of the law firm of A. G. and J. B. McCurry. This firm enjoys the largest practice of any firm in Northeast Georgia. The senior member, A. G. McCurry, served as a member of the special committee from the Legislature to inspet th work of the late codifiers of the Georgia laws.

Mr. McCurry, with his other honors, also fills the position of a member of the Congressional Committee of the Eighth Congressional District.

He is a member of the following House committees: Education, General Agriculture, General Judiciary, Penitentiary, Banks and Banking, Railroads, University of Georgia and its Branches, and Chairman of the Committee on Public Library.

HON. PATRICK M. MULHERIN.

PATRICK M. MULHERIN, Representative from Richmond county, is a native of Maryland, having been born in Baltimore on June 8, 1849. His parents were Michael and Mary Mulherin and from the general run of family names it may be easily inferred that Mr. Mulherin is of Irish extraction. He has been married twice. The first time to Miss Ellen Toohey, and after her death to Miss Katherine G. Kavanaugh on February 16, 1898. His children are Mrs. Catherine Joy, Edward, Henry, Elizabeth, Patrick M. Jr., and Anna Mulherin.

Mr. Mulherin engages in the real estate business when at home and is one of the leading business men in that line in Augusta. He has been prominent in local affairs in his city for several years and has taken a leading part in the industrial revival which has visited Augusta in recent years. Mr. Mulherin's public service previous to the time he became a member of the General Assembly comprised terms in the city council from 1894 to 1897, and membrship on the Board of Education of Richmond County from January, 1900, until June, 1902, when he tendered his resignation because of the pressure of private business. He was elected to the last House of Representatives and again to membership in the present one, receiving a flattering vote and a warm endorsement of his legislative course. Because of his accurate and intimate knowledge of military matters in the State, Mr. Mulherin was appointed by Speaker Morris to be chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, and in addition to this is also a member of the following important committees: Georgia State Sanitarium; Labor and Labor Statistics; Railroads; Ways and Means.

HON. THOMAS A. PATE.

THOMAS ANDREW PATE, Representative from Gwinnett County, was born in Walton County, Georgia, November 7, 1855. His parents were Jesse A. Pate and Millie Boothe Pate. Mr. Pate was married on November 13, 1879, to Miss Parthenia Williams, of Gwinnett County and they have several children. The first public service rendered by Mr. Pate to his State was as justice of the peace, having been elected to that position in 1884 and holding it continuously since, dispensing justice in his community and upholding the dignity of the law. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1898 and served throughout the term with a careful consideration for his constituency and the needs of the State.

The start in life secured by Mr. Pate was very humble and he began his career upon meager capital. So successful have his efforts been along agricultural lines that he is now one of the largest farmers of Gwinnett County, owning a beautiful farm of eight hundred acres and being probably the largest cotton planter in the county. He is a thorough farmer, devoting all his time to the careful prosecution of his business. His success may be attributed to his habit of paying close attention to details. He is a prominent and progressive citizen and his people sent him to the House knowing well that he would give their business the same close attention he gives his own.

He is a member of various committees, among them being General Agriculture; Georgia State Sanitarium; Roads and Bridges.

HON. NATHAN COLLIER CARR.

NATHAN C. CARR, of Covington, Representative from Newton County, is the son of John P. Carr and Mary Turner Carr, and was born at Rockbridge, in DeKalb County, Georgia, on January 11, 1836, but moved with his parents, at the early age of two months, to Covington, Georgia, and since that time he and his family have been identified with Newton County.

He received his early education at the Covington schools and was later a student at Emory College, which place he left for California in the early fifties during the great gold excitement. He was a miner for nearly two years, but then returned to Georgia and became interested in farming on a large plantation in Newton County.

During this time, July 23, 1856, he was married to Miss Angie Cordelia McCalla, at the home of her parents, James R. McCalla and Pellonia Yancey McCalla, in Sheffield, Newton County, Georgia (now Rockdale County).

They have now living five children, four sons—Edward Pace Carr, Nathan Collier Carr, Jr., George McCalla Carr, John Pace Carr—and one daughter, Flora Eugenia Carr.

Mr. Carr was among the first to volunteer in the War of Secession. He left Conyers, Georgia, in Captain White's company, as lieutenant, joined the 35th Georgia Regiment, Thomas' Brigade, Hill's Light Division, Jackson's Corps, and continued with them until the last gun was fired in Lee's army. He was with them at the surrender as Captain of Company B, 35th Georgia Regiment, and was on General E. L. Thomas' staff as Adjutant and Inspector-General, having been detailed as such a few days before the surrender at Appomattox.

Since this time Mr. Carr has led an uneventful life, farming and trading, but always taking an active interest in the affairs of his county and ever enjoying the confidence and esteem of his friends and neighbors.

Mr. Carr is a member of the committees on Corporations, Counties and County Matters, General Agriculture, Labor and Labor Statistics, Pensions and Railroads.

HON. EMERSON H. GEORGE.

EMERSON HOLLAND GEORGE, Representative from Morgan County, is a native of Jasper County, having been born at Shady Dale, August 18, 1865. His father Dr. Franklin George was a leading physician of that section and his mother before her marriage was Miss Emily Holland, a member of one of the best families in the county. Mr. George was married in Augusta, December 29, 1886, to Miss Amelia Mustin of that city and to them were born two children, Virginia and Calvin. Mrs. George died in New York in 1897. Mr. George was married the second time at Griffin, July 26, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson. They have a little daughter, Elizabeth, aged six months.

Mr. George received his collegiate education at Mercer University, The University of New York City and the University of Virginia. He taught at Mercer University for five years and also at the University of Virginia for one year in the Department of French and German.

Mr. George entered upon the practice of law in Madison in 1893 with his brother, the firm name being George & George. He was elected Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Morgan County, which position he held for four years. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1900 and served on several important committees, being Chairman of the Educational Committee and a member of the Joint Constitutional Committee. He is at present engaged in the practice of law at Madison with Hon. K. S. Anderson.

Mr. George was a candidate for Speaker of the present House and held the balance of power. While his forces were not very numerous they stayed by him with remarkable unanimity and pertinacity. After several ballots had been taken and it was evident that no election would be had so long as Mr. George remained in the field, Hon. C. M. Candler announced on behalf of the supporters of Mr. George that they would abide by his decision either to

remain in the race or to retire therefrom. After the conclusion of Mr. Candler's speech, Mr. George announced his retirement from the race in an eloquent speech full of sentiments of loftiest patriotism. It was one of the most dramatic moments of recent political history and Mr. George's action under the circumstances greatly increased his reputation. He is one of the leaders of the House, with splendid native ability and broad education and culture and many predict for him important political victories in the future.

HON. C. S. REID.

CHARLES SIMPSON REID, Representative from Campbell county, and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, was born among the mountains of Georgia, having made his first appearance at Blairsville, Union county, November 21, 1860, when the entire county was in the terrible throes of excitement which preceded the war between the states. He is the son of Simpson Reid and Katherine Whiteside Reid, who were highly honored and respected residents of Union county for a number of years. Simpson Reid was a prominent man in the public life of his county, filling several positions of honor and trust, and died while a member of the State Senate. His death occurred in 1864.

Mr. Reid was married at Palmetto, Ga., November 21, 1883, to Miss Hettie Handley, and there have been born to them three children—Katherine, Ethel and Grace.

Mr. Reid's residence is at Palmetto, where he is engaged in the practice of law, having an excellent practice in Campbell and surrounding counties, and enjoying the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Having been engrossed with his professional duties, he never held public office until two years ago, when he was prevailed upon by his friends to make the race for the House, in which he was successful, receiving a flattering vote. He was re-elected this year, and at once took a high stand in the House. By appointment of the

Speaker, Mr. Reid is serving on several important committees, among them being those on Amendments to Constitution, General Judiciary, Hall and Rooms, Railroads, University of Georgia and its Branches, and Ways and Means, being chairman of the last. As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, he has always rendered invaluable service to the State, and is easily recognized as one of the ablest members of the House.

HON. J. R. PHILLIPS.

JOHN ROBERT PHILLIPS, Representative from the county of Jefferson, is a native of that good old county and was born at Louisville, December 26, 1869. His parents were Rev. D. Y. and Mrs. Julia Phillips, the father being a prominent and consecrated minister well-known to the people of that section of the State for many years.

The marriage of Mr. Phillips to Miss Emily Clark of Louisville, took place in that town on December 12, 1896 and they have one child, a daughter, Helen. He was graduated from Erskine College at Due West, South Carolina, with the class of 1892, and the following year was admitted to the bar in Louisville and has since practiced in the courts of that section with marked success.

Although Mr. Phillips has never held public office other than this he now occupies, he has taken a leading part in the political history of his county for several years, having represented it at several conventions, State and congressional, and is now a member of the State Executive Committee from the Tenth Congressional District. He was an ardent supporter of Hon. Thomas W. Hardwick in his recent campaign for Congress in that district and wielded great influence and was largely instrumental in carrying Jefferson county for him.

Although this is his first term in the House, Mr. Phillips is well fitted by training and energy to care well for the interests of his constituency. He

has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and is also a member of the committees on Amendments to Constitution; Banks and Banking; Counties and County Matters; General Judiciary; Penitentiary; and Railroads.

HON. I. S. L. MILLER.

IVY SIMMONS LANE MILLER, Representative from Bulloch County, is a native of that county, having been born there January 1, 1849. He is the son of John R. and Nancy A. Miller, old residents of that county. He was married in Savannah on the 17th of May, 1877.

He is a physician by profession, practicing in Bulloch county for a number of years. He has also taken a leading part in the industrial development which has taken place there of late. Bulloch, once considered a wilderness of pines and wiregrass from which the younger generation moved away to make homes in other sections has in recent years come rapidly to the front and has taken rank as one of the leading agricultural counties of that section, as well as being foremost in the output of lumber and naval stores. Unlike many of the counties of South Georgia, the industrial history of Bulloch has not been made by immigrants from the Carolinas, but natives of the county awoke from their lethargy and realized the wonderful opportunities of their home which lay undeveloped. In this work the subject of our sketch took a leading part and as a testimonial of their confidence in him he was elected to be a representative in the lower branch of the General Assembly. This is the first time Bulloch has had two representatives and is also the first time Dr. Miller has made his appearance in political life, having never held office previously. Speaker Morris has appointed Dr. Miller to service on the following committees: Hygiene and Sanitation; Public Property; Special Agriculture.

HON. G. H. BELL.

GEORGE HORACE BELL, representative from Emanuel county, is a native of that county, having been born at Swainsboro on the 19th of May, 1876. His father, Dr. Green Bell, is one of the most prominent physicians in that section of the State, and has also been one of the most successful merchants in Emanuel county.

Mr. Bell received a common school education in the Swainsboro High School and afterwards attended the North Georgia College at Dahlonega, Emory College at Oxford and the University of Georgia at Athens. He spent some time at each of these institutions, where he formed valuable acquaintances and made many strong friends among the coming men of the State. Mr. Bell was married at Waycross, Ga., October 10, 1899, to Miss Rosa Folks, daughter of a prominent physician of that city.

After leaving the University in 1895, Mr. Bell entered the theatrical profession, in which he had an unusually successful career for several years. During his connection with the stage he traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, and was thrown in contact with all phases of life, and had remarkable opportunity for observing and studying human nature. Travel broadens a man's views and gives him a better understanding of the needs of humanity, and much of Mr. Bell's subsequent success has been due to the training received while on the road with his troupe.

Returning to Swainsboro in 1898 to take charge of his father's mercantile interests, Mr. Bell was so successful in his management and methods that he purchased his father's entire interest within a short time. Under his ownership and management the business has increased largely, and Mr. Bell is now operating stores at Swainsboro and Wadley and is considered one of the most successful merchants in that section.

About three years ago Mr. Bell established the Wiregrass Blade, which he has made one of the most successful papers in that section of Georgia. Under his editorial control The Blade has been widely quoted and occupies a unique place among Georgia papers. The paper is very influential in Emanuel

county and through its columns Mr. Bell has successfully waged war upon local abuses, fostered worthy enterprises and made The Blade a force which no one in that section can afford to ignore.

Mr. Bell served as mayor pro tem. of Swainsboro in 1900, and has also been First Lieutenant of Company C, First Regiment G. S. T., for three years. He is the youngest man ever sent from Emanuel to the House, and his campaign attracted a great deal of attention throughout the State. Although the youngest man in the race, he led his highest opponent by 394 votes. In the House Mr. Bell easily ranks as a leader among the younger members, and he has taken a prominent part in the work of the body. He is a close student of men and measures and is destined to gain reputation and influence as the years go by. He is serving as Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing and is a member of the following committees: General Agriculture, Military Affairs, University of Georgia and its Branches, Ways and Means, Western and Atlantic Railroad.

HON. J. M. SPENCE, Jr.

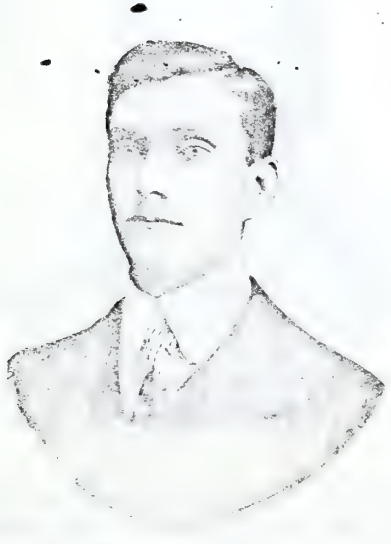
JOHN M. SPENCE, Jr., Representative from Ware County, was born in Appling County, Georgia, April 17, 1862, coming from a family which has been very prominent in that section of the State ever since its settlement.

Dr. Spence is a well-known practicing physician of Ware County, being located at Waresboro. He also has extensive farming interests near there. He is a relative of Major John M. Spence, of Coffee County, who was a noted Indian fighter in the days when the inhabitants of that section of the State were forced frequently to do battle with the Indians. Dr. Spence married Miss Rhoda Henderson of Honey Hill, South Carolina, and they have an interesting family of several children, Edwin R., Winnie Davis and Susie Helen.

This is the first political office ever held by Dr. Spence and he announces

that it will be his last. He was elected in the face of strong opposition and his success was a deserved tribute to his ability, showing the esteem in which he is held by the people of his county. He is regarded as one of the most successful and substantial farmers in his section of the State. He is a progressive student of agricultural affairs and has taken a great interest in the agricultural development of that section where farming is comparatively a new industry. Dr. Spence began life dependent upon his own efforts and his success is due entirely to his great energy and splendid ability. He is serving on the Committees on Georgia State Sanitarium, Hygiene and Sanitation, Pensions.

HON. J. H. BOYKIN.



JAMES HAMILTON BOYKIN, Representative from Lincoln county, is a South Carolinian by birth, having been born in the town of Edgefield, February 17, 1877. The Boykin family is one of the oldest of the many distinguished families of South Carolina. The ancestors of the family settled in Kershaw county in 1750, and have been prominent citizens of that section since that time, contributing many able sons to the public service of their county and State. Mr. Boykin is the son of James M. and Isabella Abney Boykin, and through his mother is related to the Hamiltons and Madisons of Virginia.

Mr. Boykin's home is at Lincolnton, where he is editor of the Lincoln Home Journal, an influential newspaper of the county, which he conducts in an able and fearless manner. He has been twice elected mayor of Lincolnton, having served during the years 1901 and 1902 in that capacity to the satisfaction of his people. He has been active and enthusiastic in the work of development in his county and town, and has taken great interest in all questions pertaining to their advancement. To show their appreciation for his unremit-

ting labors in their behalf, Mr. Boykin was nominated by his people at the last primary for Representative, and was triumphantly elected at the October election. This is his first term in the House, but his close study of legislative work and questions will make him of great value to his people despite his lack of experience.

Mr. Boykin is serving on the following committees: Counties and County Matters, General Agriculture, Public Printing, Special Judiciary.

HON. W. L. H. ALFORD.

WILLIAM LEORUS HEYWOOD ALFORD, Representative from Worth County, is a native of Wake County, North Carolina, having been born there on October 23, 1863. His father was a brave Confederate soldier and the family has been prominent in that section for many years. Mr. Alford was married in 1885 at Holly Springs, North Carolina, and has an interesting family composed of four boys and three girls, their names being: H. B., L. D., C. M. and J. H., and Sadie, Maggie and Ellie. By occupation Mr. Alford is a farmer and manufacturer of naval stores. He has been engaged principally in the latter business since his residence in this State. He has never before filled public office, but a brother, Hon. C. A. Alford, of Willingham, Georgia, represented the Tenth District in the State Senate several years ago.

Mr. Alford is one of the great number of natives of North Carolina who came to Georgia to exploit the wonderful timber resources of this State. They found the State full of undeveloped wealth in timber and naval stores and opened up the wonderful wiregrass section, which is rapidly becoming one of the leading sections of the State both in population and in financial strength. After the naval stores possibilities are exhausted in the section

where they settle they generally engage in farming and still further increase the productive capacity of the State.

Mr. Alford has been selected by the Speaker for service on the following committees: Banks and Banking, Internal Improvements, Manufactures, Special Agriculture.

HON. W. L. BELL.

WALTER LENOIR BELL, Representative from Milton County, was born in that county January 29, 1865. He is the son of Anderson S. and Albina M. Bell and is unmarried.

Mr. Bell received his education in the common schools of Milton County and at Emory College at Oxford. He afterwards read law and was admitted to the bar and practiced one year at Cumming with his uncle, Hiram P. Bell, a distinguished lawyer of that section. He moved from Cumming to Indian Territory and practiced there for a while, later returning to Milton county to teach and follow agricultural pursuits.

Francis Bell, great grandfather of W. L. Bell, was a soldier of the Revolution; another ancestor, John Rogers, was a courier on General Andrew Jackson's staff in the War of 1812 and married a Cherokee. Their son, William Rogers became an eminent Cherokee lawyer and represented the tribe at Washington. He was also one of the signers of the treaty of 1835, between the Cherokees and the United States government. Mr. Bell was first elected to the House in 1900, that being his first political venture, and was re-elected this year. By appointment of the Speaker, he is serving as a member of various committees, among them being the Internal Improvements, of which he is Chairman; Enrollment, of which he is Vice-Chairman; Appropriations; Corporations; Education; Labor and Labor Statistics; Penitentiary and Special Judiciary.

HON. L. H. O. MARTIN.

LUTHER HENRY OVERTON MARTIN, Representative from Elbert County, was born in that county within one mile of his present residence at Middleton, April 9, 1850. His father, L. H. O. Martin, was a prominent citizen of Elbert and fifty years ago was in the House, having led his ticket. At that time Elbert had two representatives, but Hart county was cut off from Elbert and since that time until this year, Elbert has had but one representative. Having increased in population to such an extent as to entitle her to two representatives, she sends another L. H. O. Martin to the house, he having led his ticket, as his father did. His father entered the Confederate service as captain of the first company sent to the front by Elbert, and rose successively to be Lieutenant Colonel of his regiment and Chief Quartermaster of his division. He died in 1866. Mr. Martin's mother was a grand daughter of Governor Stephen D. Heard.

Mr. Martin's father, Major Martin, was the warm personal and political friend of General Robert Toombs, and the latter spent much of his time at the Martin home in Elbert county. Indeed the friendship of Major Martin for General Toombs, and the aid rendered by him to his friend when in hiding from the Federal soldiers is a part of the history of that distinguished Georgian. It was as "Major Martin" that General Toombs set sail from this country, eluding the Federal troops who sought his capture. He concealed his identity until aboard ship bound for Europe, but when his ship put off he waved his hand to those ashore and exclaimed, "I am Robert Toombs and not Major Martin."

Mr. Martin was married to Miss Rossie Harper in Elberton in 1868. He was president of the County Alliance of Elbert for six years, but not until this year did he ever offer for public office, although he has been active in politics

since his 18th year. He led the ticket over three opponents. He is a farmer by occupation and has been successful in his agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Methodist church, and a leader in the denomination in Georgia, having a few years ago been chosen as a delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in which body he took an active and prominent part. But best of all, Mr. Martin is one of those men who lives his religion, for a sunnier, more golden-hearted man than Luther Martin never breathed. He numbers his friends by the thousands, for wherever he is known he is cordially liked.

Mr. Martin was selected for service on the following Committees: Ways and Means; Corporations; General Agriculture; Georgia State Sanitarium; Penitentiary; Counties and County Matters; Excuse of Members. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Special Agriculture.

HON. GEORGE W. NEWTON.

GEORGE W. NEWTON, Representative from Colquitt county, was born in that county September 18, 1866. His father, George F. Newton, was a prominent citizen of Colquitt and served as a representative from that county in the General Assembly at various times in the past. His mother, before marriage, was Miss Julia Norman, whose father, Hon. J. B. Norman, Sr., and brother, J. B. Norman, Jr., have been sent from that county to serve in both branches of the State Legislature from time to time. The Norman and Newton families have been foremost in the work of developing Colquitt county, and have had a large share in the industrial development of Moultrie, which town is a source of wonder to the inhabitants of the older sections of the State.

Few counties in the State have ever shown such remarkable advancement as has Colquitt within the last ten years. The Norman Institute, a new educational institution at Obe, in that county, is the gift to the people of one of the Norman family, and it is rapidly becoming one of the most important educational centers in that section.

Mr. Newton was united in marriage to Miss Arliffe Barber, of Colquitt county, on September 30, 1889, and they have four interesting children—Thomas and Willie and Elvie and Julia. His residence is at Moultrie.

Mr. Newton was Sheriff of Colquitt county three years, Clerk of the Superior Court for six years and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for four years. Duing the present session he is serving on the following committees: General Agriculture, Hygiene and Sanitation, Internal Improvements, Pensions.

HON. J. A. KENDRICK.

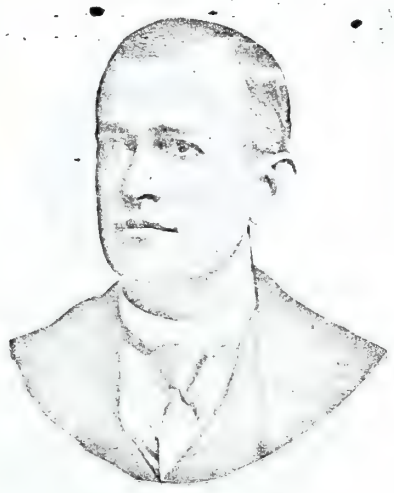
JAMES ALBERT KENDRICK, Representative from the county of Taliaferro, was born in Sharon, Taliaferro county, on December 13, 1858 and counties to reside in the place of his birth. His parents were Robert T., and Frances Kendrick who were honored and respected residents of the county for many years.

Mr. Kendrick was married at Union Point, Georgia, March 21, 1883, to Miss Addie Moore, daughter of Dr. W. A. Moore, a prominent physician of Milledgeville, and they have five children, Harold, Moore, Louise, Cleo, Kathleen.

Mr. Kendrick is by occupation a merchant, having begun business in 1880, with a capital of only $250.00, which by judicious management and rare business foresight he has increased from time to time until at present he is considered one of the most substantial citizens of his county. He is also Vice-President of the Bank of Crawfordville.

The political history of Mr. Kendrick may be told in a few words, as he has been too busy to engage in the pursuit of public office. He served as Mayor of Sharon in 1897 and has also been a member of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Taliaferro County. By appointment of the Speaker, he is serving on these committees: Banks and Banking; University of Georgia and its Branches; Western and Atlantic Railroad.

HON. T. J. M. KELLY.



THOMAS J. M. KELLY, of Gibson, Glascock County, is serving his third term in the lower House.

He was born at Gibson, April 15, 1855. His father was Geo. W. Kelly, a prominent planter of Glascock.

Dr. Kelly was married October 1, 1884, to Miss Mollie S. Logue. Five children have been born to them—Lillian, Thomas, Louis, Harry and Fred.

Dr. Kelly is a practicing physician. He is also a large dealer in live stock. He is one of the most prominent men in his town and county, and politically, is one of the leaders in the famous Tenth Congressional District.

Dr. Kelly has taken quite a prominent stand in the house. He is a forceful debater, and has introduced quite a number of important measures.

One strong characteristic of Dr. Kelly's term of service in the house is his unswerving devotion to the cause of ballot reform. He has been a close student of this question. Before coming to the Legislature he had thoroughly informed himself concerning the practical workings of the Australian Ballot System in the States which have adopted it. During the last session he introduced a bill providing for the use of the system in the elections of Georgia. After a hard fight the bill was defeated. Early in the present session he

introduced the same measure. So strong a fight has Dr. Kelly waged for the measure, it easily passed the House this year. The measure which Dr. Kelly has so ably championed will prove the solution of an important question which has long vexed the State.

Dr. Kelley is Chairman of the Committee on Asylum for the Blind and is a member of Corporations, Education, Georgia State Sanitarium, Hygiene and Sanitation, Labor and Labor Statistics and Special Judiciary.

HON. W. A. BUCHANNON.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BUCHANNON, Representative from Early county, is still a resident of the place of his birth, having been born at Blakely, July 8, 1849. His parents were James and Eunice Buchannon, his father having been a resident of Jasper County before moving to Early and represented Jasper in the Secession Convention. He was a Whig in politics and took a leading part in the public life of the day. James Buchannon and Mrs. Eunice McCulloch were married at Fort Gaines, Georgia, August 16, 1835, by Judge Grigsby E. Thomas, the distinguished judge of the Superior Courts of what is now known as the Pataula Circuit.

W. A. Buchannon was married in Talbot county on the 23rd day of May, 1872, to Miss Anna Bruce of that county, and there has been born to them one child, Hill Bruce Buchannon. He is by occupation a stock dealer and farmer, and is highly successful in his chosen lines.

A prominent place in the political life of Early County has been occupied by Mr. Buchannon for many years. He served six consecutive terms as treasurer of the county, retiring from the office in 1898 with a splendid record as a careful and painstaking custodian of the county's finances. He

has also been a member of the Town Council of Blakely for several terms and rendered the town splendid service as a municipal official. He has always been a staunch democrat and his election to the present House was a deserved tribute on the part of his county to his worth and ability.

By appointment of the Speaker, Mr. Buchannon is serving on the committees on Banks and Banking; Internal Improvement; Wild Lands.

HON. J. C. FLANIGAN.

JAMES CICERO FLANIGAN, Representative from Gwinnett county, is a native of that county, having been born near Auburn October 25, 1871. His parents were J. N. and Caroline Flanigan, who were highly respected residents of that county. Mr. Flanigan was reared on the farm and had his full share of the experience with work that falls to the lot of nearly every country boy. After attending the public schools of the neighborhood, Mr. Flanigan attended Mercer University, from which excellent institution he graduated in 1898. While at Mercer he took great interest in the work of the literary societies of that institution, those incubators of orators which have made Mercer famous throughout the length and breadth of the land. There is no better training for public life than that afforded by the literary debating societies of our Southern colleges. Mr. Flanigan represented Mercer in the debate with the University of Georgia in 1898 and his speech was very effective and contributed in large measure to the victory won by his institution.

After graduating from Mercer, Mr. Flanigan entered educational work as president of Perry-Rainey College at Auburn, which position he held for two years and filled most acceptably. Leaving educational work, he entered the newspaper field as editor of the Lawrenceville News-Herald. His work in this capacity was most successful, and he remained with that paper two

years. At present he is editor of the Gwinnett Journal, which is also published at Lawrenceville.

Mr. Flanigan was nominated for the Legislature after a very exciting contest. He is serving on the committees on Railroads and Ways and Means, is chairman of the Committee on Journals and vice-chairman of Committee on Public Printing.

HON. R. E. BROWN.

ROBERT EDWIN BROWN, Representative from Houston County, is a resident of Fort Valley, in which charming little city he was born on the 5th of August, 1875. His parents were S. B. Brown and Mrs. Susie Persons Brown, both members of influential families in that section.

Mr. Brown was married to Miss Coralie Scruggs of Fort Valley, August 29, 1900. They have no children.

After attending the public schools of Fort Valley, Mr. Brown entered the University of Georgia at Athens, where he took a leading part in the activities of college life. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He took a high stand in his class and was active in society work. He graduated at the University with the class of 1897, taking the degree of A. B.

After leaving his Alma Mater, Mr. Brown returned to his home at Fort Valley and entered upon the study of law. He was admitted to the bar April 1, 1899 after having stood the examination prescribed by the State Board of Examiners, this being the first examination held under the new law.

Mr. Brown has since been engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Fort Valley, and is considered one of the leading men among the younger attorneys in that section. This is his first venture in politics, but he led

his ticket by a handsome majority, although he was the youngest man in the race. He has been appointed by the Speaker to service on the following committees: Special Judiciary; State of the Republic.

HON. J. B. ROUNTREE.

JOSEPH B. ROUNTREE, one of the three Representatives from Thomas county, is a native of Emanuel county, Georgia, having been born there January 3, 1861.

He comes from a family whose members have always been successful and sturdy tillers of the soil, and honest, patriotic citizens. Like so many of the younger sons of the old county of Emanuel, Mr. Rountree decided to seek his fortune in the newer sections of the State, and removed to Thomas county, settling at Barwick. He is engaged in mercantile business at that place, as well as having large agricultural interests in that section, which has made such rapid strides in that industry in recent years.

Mr. Rountree was married at Wrightville, Ga., May 1, 1884, and has an interesting family of eight children—Lois, Clyde, Lota, Claude, Carl, Lena, Dean and J. B., Jr.

The subject of this sketch is another of those who have devoted their time and attention to business, instead of seeking the seemingly empty honors of political battle. He has given his own affairs close attention and been successful in his chosen occupation. Until two years ago he had never sought office, but was prevailed upon by his people to take the office of Commissioner of Roads and Revenues of Thomas county, and in that capacity gave the affairs of the people the same close and undivided attention which had characterized his work in his own interests.

He is serving on the committees on Appropriations, General Agriculture, Pensions.

HON. W. S. WEST.

WILLIAM S. WEST, Representative from Lowndes county, has had considerable experience in the General Assembly, having served with signal ability in both branches. Mr. West is a resident of Valdosta. He is one of the leading lawyers of that section of the State. Besides his professional duties, he has extensive business interests in South Georgia and Florida.

For a number of years Mr. West has been prominently identified with the lumber and naval stores business and has accumulated a comfortable fortune. He has large holdings in timbered lands and is connected with a number of leading commercial and industrial enterprises. He is a splendid business man, possessing rare judgment and foresight, and his advice is eagerly sought on all matters of an important business nature coming before the Legislature; he being recognized as one of the ablest and most experienced members of that body.

Mr. West was born in Marion county, Georgia, on August 23, 1849. Soon after his birth his father moved to Brooks (then Lowndes county) and settled near the town of Quitman, where they resided until 1863, when they moved to Madison county, Florida. Col. West received his early education in the common schools of Quitman, Ga., and of Madison county, Florida, and in 1880 graduated at Mercer University, Macon, with the degree of A. B.

In 1882 he took a commercial course at the commercial college of the Kentucky University at Lexington. While at Mercer he graduated in law, and in 1883 he settled in Valdosta to practice his profession. Practically all of his means had been exhausted in securing an education, so it may be said he began the struggle of life penniless. While he adopted the law as his profession, at the same time he devoted considerable attention to other pursuits, and in the course of time amassed a fortune which runs up into six figures. He is now the owner of several large sawmills and tram roads in South Georgia and

Florida. His magnificent $25,000 residence in Valdosta is one of the handsomest in the State.

Besides one term in the Senate—1898-9—Mr. West has represented Lowndes county in the lower house during the years 1892-3-4-5-6-7. With the exception of the years 1900-01, when he declined to again stand for the lower house, he has represented the people of Lowndes in one branch or the other of the General Assembly for ten consecutive years. His present term will complete ten years' legislative service for his people, during all of which time he has represented them with marked fidelity and to their entire satisfaction, as is shown by the fact that he has never been defeated for office. He is greatly interested in educational matters, and has labored incessantly for needed reforms in the common school system of Georgia. He has served on the State School Book Commission appointed by Governor Atkinson, and has also been chairman of the House Committee on Education. He is a staunch advocate of uniformity in text-books, and labored untiringly for the passage of such a measure at this session.

HON. C. J. WELLBORN, Jr.

CARLTON JUAN WELLBORN, Jr., Representative from Union county, was born at Blairsville, in that county, September 7, 1869, and has resided there continuously since. He is the oldest living son of Hon. C. J. Wellborn, the present State Librarian. Mr. Wellborn, Jr., is a graduate of the North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega, and also of the law department of the University of Georgia at Athens, from which latter institution he received his degree in 1889.

In 1890 Mr. Wellborn was married to Miss Loulie Griffies of Sparta, Ga., and they have an interesting family of five children.

The first appearance of Mr. Wellborn in public life was as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives under Hon. John T. Boifeuillet during the

session of 1898 and 1899. After returning to his home and resuming the practice of his profession he was called upon by his party to make the race for the House against the candidate of the combined Republican and Populist forces, which he did successfully, being elected to the House for the session of 1900 and 1901. The same contest was repeated in Union this year; Mr. Wellborn being opposed by the fusion element and again being successful over the combined opposition.

By appointment of the Speaker, Mr. Wellborn is serving on the following committees: Georgia State Sanitarium, General Judiciary, and chairman of the Committee on Enrollment.

HON. L. C. MORTON.

LUTHER COLYER MORTON, Representative from Jones County, is a native of that county and was born at James, on January 16, 1875, the son of William Troup Morton and Mattie Emerson Morton. He is by occupation a farmer and was married on October 28, 1897, to Miss Rosa Lee James. They have three children, Rosa Lucile, Thelma Katherine and Ruby.

Mr. Morton comes from a family whose name has been blazoned high on the annals of the republic. The founder of the family in this country came from Ireland in 1712 and settled at Boston, Mass. Oliver P. Morton, the famous Hoosier statesman and Levi P. Morton of New York were descendants of this man, as was also Jesse Morton, an immediate ancestor of the subject of this sketch. Jesse Morton came from Boston and located at Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, and in 1812 moved to Georgia, fixing his residence at the place now known as Morton's Station on the Macon and Northern Railroad in Jones County. His family consisted of Silas Morton, who settled in Screven county; Davis M., who moved to the

same county; O. H. M., who remained in Jones; Lemuel B., who was the progenitor of a large family in Stewart county; Thomas M., who moved to Meridian, Mississippi and Ezra M., who located in Philadelphia, Pensylvania. The Mortons are a long lived race, many of them living to be eighty-five and ninety years of age. The father of L. C. Morton was for many years Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Jones and led the party battles.

Mr. Morton is serving on the Committee on the Georgia State Sanitarium, one of the most important committees of the House.

HON. J. R. SHANNON.

JOHN RICHARD SHANNON, Representative of Monroe County, is a resident of Cabaniss, in that county, where he was born on August 16, 1866. He is by profession a physician and also follows agricultural pursuits. He is unmarried. The parents of Dr. Shannon were Dr. John Shannon and Mrs. Rachael J. Shannon. Dr. John Shannon came from Ireland and settled in Monroe County, where he practiced medicine until his death at the age of sixty-five. He represented his county in the Constitutional Convention which Constitutional Convention of 1877, and was also a member of the Legislature at one time.

Dr. John R. Shannon graduated from the University of Georgia with the degree of A. B. and afterwards attended a medical college in Atlanta, and also the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He taught school at Cabaniss for several years and has also served as member of the Board of Education of Monroe County, being twice elected to the presidency of that body.

Among the distinguished relatives of Dr. Shannon is James Shannon, LL.D., who was a professor in the University of Georgia and afterwards

President of the University of Louisiana and the University of Kentucky, dying while Chancellor of the University of Missouri. Richard D. Shannon, LL. D., was State School Commissioner of Missouri.

Dr. Shannon has been appointed to serve on the following committees: Counties and County Matters, of which he is Chairman; Appropriations; Hygiene and Sanitation; Penitentiary; Railroads; University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. G. W. ADAMS.

GEORGE W. ADAMS, Representative from Putnam country, is a resident of Eatonton, where he is editor and publisher of the Eatonton Messenger, a weekly newspaper of great influence in that section of the State. Mr. Adams has been in control of the paper for fifteen years and has had a great deal of experience in newspaper work. For three years he did editorial work on the Savannah Morning News, but returned to Eatonton on account of the illness of his wife, who was Miss Annie Reid McNeel before her marriage to Mr. Adams. She died after their removal to Eatonton.

Mr. Adams has not been an office-seeker, but has served two terms as mayor of Eatonton, and has also been chairman of the County Executive Committee of Putnam and alternate Presidential elector on the Cleveland and Stevenson ticket.

He was elected to the House in 1898 and soon established a reputation as a careful and able legislator. He took great interest in the work of the House and was especially concerned in the efforts to secure a lower tax rate, to protect land-owners from damage by the setting on fire of timber lands, to prohibit the importation into the State of diseased fruit trees, and to regulate the selection of text-books for the public schools of the State. He also took a prominent part in the school legislation of that session and was a

member of special committees that examined the geological bureau and the steward's department of the State Sanitarium.

In the present House Mr. Adams is taking an active and prominent part. He is chairman of the Committee on Temperance and is vice-chairman of the Committee on Education. He is also serving on the Committee on the Georgia State Sanitarium.

HON. MORGAN RAWLS.

MORGAN RAWLS, Representative from Effingham, is the oldest member of the House in point of service, and has had a long and distinguished career in the public affairs of his State. Born in Bulloch county, Georgia, he remained there until he reached manhood. He was married in Effingham county and has lived there since 1856, his residence being at Guyton, where he has engaged in profitable agriculture when not occupied in the public service.

Mr. Rawls served in the Confederate army throughout the war as Captain, and afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifty-fourth regiment of Georgia infantry. He was badly wounded in the trenches around Atlanta July 22, 1864.

Mr. Rawl's first appearance in politics was as an opponent of secession, and he was defeated by a small majority. While serving in the army he was elected to the Legislature and represented his county while absent on leave, returning to his command at the close of the session. His service in the Legislature has included the year 1863, 1864, 1865, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, and he is a member of the present House for the years 1902-3. He was a member of the State Convention in 1865, and also of the convention which nominated Governor Alexander H. Stephens.

Mr. Rawls was elected to the Forty-third Congress and served part of the

term in the House of Representatives, but was unseated on a contest in favor of his Republican opponent, according to the practice of that party at that time. He also served as assistant clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington for ten years when the House was in the hands of the Democrats. Mr. Rawls has spent a lifetime in the faithful service of his State, and is highly honored and revered throughout its borders. His words in the House are listened to with great attention by his colleagues, and his experience makes him of great value to them. He is serving on the following committees: Blind Asylum, Penitentiary. He is also chairman of the Committee on Auditing.

HON. D. M. BUCHAN.

DAVID M. BUCHAN, Representative from Dodge county, was born in Pulaski county, Ga., June 19, 1848. His father was Dr. J. M. Buchan, a well-known physician of that county. Dr. Buchan, the subject of this sketch, was married September, 1870, to Miss Nancy J. Lancaster, and eleven children have been born to them—Helen, Joseph, Jas. W., Naomi, Susan, Georgia, P. M., Ethel, Nancy A., William H., and Thos. F.

Dr. Buchan has practiced his profession in Dodge county for a number of years and has always been a staunch adherent of Democratic principles. His first political office was the mayoralty of Eastman, and since that time he has served as County School Commissioner, and also as a member of the Board of Education of his county. His residence is at Gresston. Dr. Buchan's committee appointments for the present session are: Corporations, County and County Matters, Hygiene and Sanitation, Manufactures.

Dr. Buchan has seen a wonderful change in the appearance and importance of the section in which he resides. In his early years the counties immediately contiguous to the county of his birth were sparsely inhabited and unimportant

from an agricultural standpoint. In the remarkable development of that section, which has been brought about within the past few years, Dr. Buchan has taken an important part. Liberal and progressive, he has at all times shown an active interest in the material and educational advancement of his county.

HON. R. S. HENDRY.

ROBERT STEELE HENDRY, Representative from Liberty county, is a native of that county, where he was born February 21, 1851. His father and mother were upright Christian people of that county, and early inculcated those characteristics into the subject of this sketch. At the close of the Civil War he was left the only support of his mother and sisters, and nobly did he fulfill the duties incumbent upon him.

He has always been an industrious, economical and honest citizen, foremost in church and Sunday school work, and has held the respect and esteem of his neighbors. At the age of 25 he was appointed Justice of the Peace, holding the position seven years with an enviable record. February 12, 1874, Mr. Hendry was married to Miss Laura Martin. They have two children, Ola and Loyd.

Mr. Hendry is the ranking First Lieutenant of cavalry, Georgia State Troops, and has been prominent in the military life of his county, whose famous "Liberty Troop" has been noted for many years.

Mr. Hendry has never been a politician, but this year was solicited by the people of his county to make the race for the House. For several years a negro had represented Liberty, and this year the people wanted a candidate who could poll the full strength. So. Mr. Hendry was nominated, and at the election defeated his negro opponent by a good majority. He received a warm welcome into the House and has been an active member. Mr. Hendry is a member of the following committees: Immigration, Internal Improvements, Wild Lands.

HON. A. B. MITCHUM.

AUGUSTUS BOLIVAR MITCHUM, Representative from Clayton county, is by occupation a merchant and cotton buyer. Mr. Mitchum was born in Fayette county, Georgia, on the 22d of March, 1858, and is the son of W. W. and Catherine Mitchum.

On November 12, 1885, Mr. Mitchum was married to Miss Fannie E. Curry. They have an interesting family of children—Nellie C., Bessie, Frank A. and A. B. Mitchum Jr. Mr. Mitchum is another of the new members of the House who has never before held public office. It was only through the solicitations of his friends that he consented to allow the use of his name for the position he now fills. He is serving on the following committees: Penitentiary, Public Property, Special Agriculture. Ways and Means.

HON. W. R. WELCH.

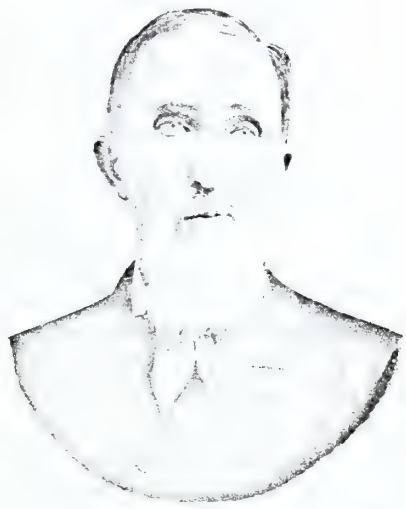
WESTERN R. WELCH, Representative from Gilmer County, is one of the patriarchs of the House. He was born in Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, on the 7th day of August, 1829.

Mr. Welch moved to Ellijay, Gilmer County, early in the year 1850 and engaged in the mercantile business at that place. He was also connected with a company which prospected for copper. The corporation was very successful in its work and discovered and developed a valuable mine in Fannin county. Mr. Welch enlisted in the Confederate service about the 1st of June, 1861.

as Captain of Company D of the Eleventh Georgia Volunteers. Sometime during the year 1862 was promoted to be major of that regiment and later was discharged from the service because of physical disability. He was a brave soldier and able officer and was very popular with his men.

Mr. Welch has had extensive experience in the House having been elected for his first term in 1878. After an absence of twenty years he was again elected in 1900 and re-elected this year. He is serving on several of the most important committees of the House, among them being: Blind Asylum; Corporations; Georgia School for the Deaf; Penitentiary; Railroads; Special Judiciary. His long experience in legislative work makes him a valuable member and one in whose hands the interests of his county are well cared for.

HON. L. L. STANFORD.



LYCURGUS L. STANFORD, lawyer and farmer, Hamilton, Harris County, Georgia, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Wyatt) Stanford, was born in Putnam County, Georgia, in 1831. His paternal great-grandparents, Joshua and Elizabeth (McGhee) Stanford, were natives of England and Scotland respectively, whence, with a brother of his, they emigrated to this country with Lord Cecil, and settled on the eastern shore of Chesapeake bay. Joshua Stanford was a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, was captured and imprisoned on a man-of-war for six months. His brother emigrated south to one of the Carolinas. Mr. Stanford's paternal grandparents—Levin and Eleanor (McGhee) Stanford—were born on the eastern shore of Chesapeake bay, Maryland; migrated to Georgia in 1800 and settled in Warren county, whence, in 1808, they moved to Putnam county, where they lived until they died. Mr. Stanford's father was born in Warren county in 1803, and was reared a farmer, which was his life-pursuit. He was a boy when his father moved to Putnam county, where he lived until 1859, when he moved to Murray county, Georgia, where he lived until he died,

in 1879. Mr. Stanford's grandparents were Sylvestre and Sarah (Mills) Wyatt. Sylvester Wyatt came to this country from England before the Revolutionary war, and settled in North Carolina; was on the committee which drafted the ordinance of separation from Great Britain, and was a soldier in the patriot army during the war for independence. Some years afterward he moved to Paducah, Ky., where he died in 1854. Mr. Stanford was reared on a farm and received his primary education at Jefferson Academy in Putnam county. He afterward attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., from which he was graduated in 1854. In 1857 he was chosen president of the Hamton Female College, and later went to Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., from the law department of which he graduated in 1859. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B (Capt. B. A. Thornton), Third Georgia Cavalry, and after serving two months was commissioned as Captain of Company K, same regiment. With his command he participated in many engagements, some of them bloody and important. Among them: Bridgeport, Vinegar Hill, Munfordville, Perryville, Crab Orchard, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Resaca. At the last named battle (May 14, 1864) he was captured and sent to Johnson's Island, where he was detained as a prisoner for about thirteen months, reaching home after his release, in July, 1865. He at once entered upon the practice of law, and has uninterruptedly pursued it since, growing in reputation, with a clientage all the time gradually increasing in volume, value and influence. In 1868 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and in 1877 was elected to represent his county in the General Assembly, and again in 1881.

Mr. Stanford was married in 1854 to Miss Maggie, daughter of John and Sarah (Smith) Henry, of East Tennessee. She died in 1858, leaving two sons—John C., who died in 1879, aged 24, and William H., who died in 1893, aged 26. Her father was a native Virginian and a near relative of Patrick Henry, the eloquent Virginia patriot. Later in life he moved to Tennessee, where he became very prominent. In 1859 Mr. Stanford married Miss Maggie A. Passmore—born in Harris county in 1836—daughter of James and Nancy (Lester) Passmore. She died in 1862, leaving one living child, Maggie, wife of J. A. Brawner. In 1865, for his third wife, he married Miss Marietta Walker—born in Muscogee county, Georgia, in 1836—daughter of James and Lucinda (Ferguson) Walker. She died early in 1882, leaving one child, Lycurgus W. Late in the same year Mr. Stanford was married to Miss Eliza C. Walker, sister of his last wife, by whom he has had one child, James L. He is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity and Worshipful Master of the local lodge. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. In 1894 Mr. Stanford was a prominent candidate for Congress from the Fourth district, and in the convention held at Warm Springs, Ga., August

13-16, was only defeated on the 365th ballot by Hon. C. L. Moses of Coweta County. Mr. Stanford is one of the active politicians of the State, and is now, and has been since its organization, president commander of Harris County, Georgia, Camp Confederate Veterans. In the present House Mr. Stanford is on the following committees: General Judiciary, Ways and Means, School for the Deaf and Dumb, Special Soldiers' Home Committee.

HON. E. R. JONES.

EDWIN RUST JONES, Representative from Dougherty county, was born in Albany in 1865. His family has been prominent in Georgia for many years, and this member has done much to add lustre to the name.

After studying in the public schools of Albany, Mr. Jones entered the law department of the University of Georgia in 1883. In 1885 he was admitted to the bar in Madison, Morgan county, and has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession.

In 1888 Mr. Jones became desirous of trying his fortune in the West. He located in Alberquerue, New Mexico, where he remained for some time. After several years he returned to Georgia and took up his residence again in Albany, where he has since resided.

Since returning to Albany he has established a splendid law practice and has been prominently connected with some of the most important litigation in that section. He has also successfully engaged in the real estate business in Albany.

Mr. Jones was elected to the House in 1892 without opposition, and was again eelcted in 1894. H ehas always taken a prominent part in the deliberations of the House and is conceded to be one of its strongest members.

During his service in the Legislatuer Mr. Jones has been the author of some of the most important measures that have become laws of the State. He

has a host of friends in the General Assembly and has great influence among his colleagues.

His recognizd ability and extended legislative experiece le dto Mr. Jones' appointment on a number of the most important committees of the House. He is serving as chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, and is also a member of the followin: Education, General Judiciary, Military Affairs, Penitentiary Railroads, Ways and Means.

HON. J. J. CONNER.

JAMES J. CONNER, Representative from Bartow county, is serving his first term in the House, and is also having his first experience in public office. Mr. Conner was born in Montgomery county, Georgia, on November 26, 1847, the son of Thomas G. and Sarah Ann Wall Conner. He was deprived of the advantage of a finished education on account of the exigencies of the war, and received his training in the school of experience and self-effort. He was married November 9, 1875, to Miss Lucy C. Ryals, of Bartow county, and to them have been born seven children—Thomas B., James R., Mary E., Robert E., Lucy C., Annabelle and Harry.

In his early manhood Mr. Conner read law and was admitted to the bar, remaining in the active ranks of successful lawyers until 1885, when the sedentary life of the office began to make inroads on his health and he retired to the farm. He has been a successful farmer and an earnest worker to advance the agricultural interests of the State. In 1889 he was elected to a vice-presidency of the State Agricultural Society for the Seventh Congressional District, and continued in that capacity until last year, when he was elected General Vice-President. He was one of the superintendents at the State Fair in Savannah in 1901, and held a similar position at the fair

in Valdosta recently. Mr. Conner was the first President of the Board of Trustees of the Cherokee Baptist Institute at Adairsville and has given much time and attention to the interests of the school.

During the present session he is serving on various House committees, among them being the committee on General Agriculture, the Georgia School for the Deaf, and the Committee on Special Agriculture, of which he is chairman.

HON. E. T. STEED.

EUGENE T. STEED, Representative from the county of Carroll, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born at Limeville, Clay county, Alabama, on the 5th of May, 1866. He received a common school education in the schools of that place and later taught in the public schools of Jackson and Lincoln parishes for four years. In 1890 he entered the famous Peabody Normal Institute in Nashville, Tenn., graduating therefrom in 1892 with the degree of L. I. The following year, Mr. Steed graduated from the University of Nashville with the degree of A. B., and in August of the same year was married to Miss Nannie Lee Emmert of Bluff City, Tenn.

Mr. Steed came to Georgia as principal of the Villa Rica High School in the fall of 1894, and continued in that capacity for seven years, building up that worthy institution until it took rank as second to no school of similar character in that section of the State. In 1901 he resigned this position to devote his energies to a business career. He entered the mercantile business in Villa Rica, also devoting part of his time and attention to his farming interests in that county.

In recognition of his value to the community, Mr. Steed was this year put forward by his fellow citizens for representative and received a handsome majority in the primary and later led the ticket at the election. He is a prominent member of the Methodist church and takes an active part in its

work. This is the first political venture, and his friends, bearing in mind his qualifications for intelligent and active legislative work, predict for him a bright future. By appointment of the Speaker he is serving on several committees, among them being the committees on Counties and County Matters; Public Printing; Special Agriculture; University of Georgia and its Branches and Ways and Means.

HON. J. A. HIXON.

JAMES A. HIXON, Representative from Sumter County, was born October 22, 1868, near Ellaville, Schley County, Georgia, the son of James B. and Hattie Belle Hixon. He graduated from the law department of the State University in 1888 and has since been engaged in the practice of law in Americus in which place he located after graduation. Mr. Hixon has served his people as County Attorney, Judge of the County Court and three terms as mayor of the City of Americus. He was married to Miss Leila Watts, of Americus, on November 30, 1892, and by this union there has been born one child, Hartie Belle.

Mr. Hixon's public career has been very successful. He was appointed by Governor Northen, to the Judgeship of the County Court without solicitation and held the position a year. After tendering his resignation as judge he was elected to the mayoralty of Americus, until he refused to stand for another term. He was prevailed upon to stand for the Legislature this year, and was easily elected. Although this is his first term, he came well equipped for legislative work, and is already a recognized leader in the House. He has been a successful practitioner at the bar and is looked upon as one of the strongest lawyers in the State. He has been appointed by Speaker Morris to serve on the following committees: Amendments to Constitution, General Judiciary, Railroads, University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. W. T. LANE.

W. T. LANE, Representative from Sumter, is serving his third term in the House of Representatives. He was born on a farm in Jasper county on July 11, 1864, the son of Major A. W. Lane and Mrs. Mary J. Lane. He was married at Shellman, Ga., October 4, 1894, to Miss Massie Terrell Crittenden, and they have three children—Wm. T., Robert C., Ralph Augustus. Mr. Lane graduated from the law department of the University of Georgia with the class of 1888, and served a term as mayor of Monticello before locating in Americus, his present home.

He has been appointed to serve on these committees during this session: Banks and Banking, Military Affairs, Mines and Mining, Special Judiciary, State of the Republic.

HON. S. S. GAULDEN.

SAMUEL SCRIVEN GAULDEN, Representative from Brooks county, was born in the historic town of Lumpkin, in Stewart county, from which place have gone forth many men who have won for themselves more than a local reputation and a name. The date of his birth was October 27, 1859. His parents were Charles S. and Charlotte LeSeuer Gaulden, who were among the most prominent residents of Stewart county for quite a number of years.

Dr. Gaulden was married at Quitman, Ga., December 20, 1887, to Miss Tillie O. McCall of that place, a member of the well-known family of that name that has furnished Brooks county with prominent citizens for

many years. They have four children—Guy C., William J., Albert E. and Edna Earl.

The preparatory education of Dr. Gaulden was obtained in the common schools of his home county, and he afterwards entered Mercer University, graduating therefrom in 1879, and taking his A. M. degree there. He studied medicine at the Medical School of the University of Maryland, taking his degree of M. D. in 1886.

Dr. Gaulden is a prominent member of the Baptist church in Quitman and is an active participant in Christian work. He enjoys a large and lucrative practice in Quitman and surrounding territory, and is one of the leading physicians of that section. He has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia State Sanitarium.

Dr. Gaulden is a member of the committees on Enrollment, Internal Improvements, Invalid Pensions, Mines and Mining.

HON. S. R. FIELDS.

SIMEON RUSSELL FIELDS, Representative from Dooly County, was born on his father's farm in that county, on May 28, 1872. His father was Rev. James R. Fields, who was a well-known Baptist minister in that section of the State. Mr. Fields was married at Unadilla, Georgia, July 7, 1896, to Miss Lena Smith, of that place, who died in 1899 in January, leaving one child, a little girl, Lena Smith Fields. He was married the second time in 1900 to Mrs. Nina Mercer Swearingen, near Cordele, August 15.

Mr. Fields is a lawyer by profession and was elected city attorney of Cordele in 1901 and re-elected at the expiration of his term without having made application for the position. His election to membership in the present House was a tribute from the people of his county to his ability as a professional man and his trustworthiness as a citizen. While this is his first

appearance in the political arena as a principal, he has always taken great interest in politics in his section and has actively aided his friends in their various contests from time to time, and has never been found wanting when called upon by his party for assistance. He has been prominent and public-spirited and has taken great interest in the development of his home town, which has shown remarkable growth and activity during the last few years. Mr. Fields is serving as a member of the Special Judiciary Committee.

HON. G. Y. TIGNER.

G. Y. TIGNER, Representative from Muscogee county, is a son of the late Hon. William A. Tigner, who at one time was one of the leading attorneys of Atlanta. Leaving Atlanta, Hon. W. A. Tigner moved to Jonesboro, Clayton county, and afterward represented the Thirty-fifth district in the Senate 1884-5.

When about 18 years of age the subject of this sketch was appointed official stenographer of the Chattahoochee circuit by Judge Martin J. Crawford, and moved to Columbus to assume the duties of that position. He represented Muscogee county in the House of 1888-9, having led the ticket in the primary. Mr. Tigner was later appointed one of the official stenographers of the Supreme Court and held the position for two years, at the expiration of which time he resigned and returned to Columbus to resume the practice of law. He was elected to the present House after a brilliant campaign in which he defeated Hon. Thos. J. Chappell, one of the most prominent citizens of the county.

Mr. Tigner is a good lawyer and a hard and successful worker. He is about forty years of age and has an interesting family. He married Miss Johnny Lindsay, and they have two children—Helen Slade Tigner and John Lindsay Tigner.

Mr. Tigner is related to the Crawford family, which has for years been

prominent in the State. He is a great grand nephew of Hon. William H. Crawford. In the House Mr. Tigner has taken a prominent stand and is one of its most capable members. He is a member of the committees on General Judiciary, Manufactures, Military Affairs, Western & Atlantic Railroad.

HON. R. V. BOWEN.

ROBERT VINCENT BOWEN, Representative from Wilcox county, was born at Bowen's Mills, in that county, on the 4th of August, 1837. He is the son of William and Frances Bowen, who were among the early settlers of that section, and his whole life has been spent in that vicinity. Mr. Bowen was married in Wilcox county in 1859 to Miss Mary Reid, a member of one of the most prominent families of that section, and there have been born to them several children. William R. Bowen, a prominent business man of Fitzgerald, is a son of Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bowen has one unmarried daughter, Miss Abba. The family home at Lulaville was visited by death three years ago, when Miss Celia, the eldest unmarried daughter, succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever. She was a young woman of rare beauty and nobility of character and her sad death brought deep sorrow to many friends who knew her and loved her passing well.

Mr. Bowen has had an unusually successful career, having started out as a farmer and been successively lumberman, merchant, steamboat owner, real estate dealer and manufacturer of naval stores. He is at present president of the Bowen Banking Company at Fitzgerald, vice-president of the Irwin County Cotton Mills, vice-president of the Paulk Hardware Company and of the Chamless Grocery Company, and president of the Bowen Telephone Co. He is one of the wealthiest men in his section, and has a beautiful

country home at Lulaville, near Fitzgerald. His investments have all been made with rare foresight and much of his property will enhance rapidly in value in future.

Mr. Bowen was elected to membership in the House of Representatives in 1899 and served his county with fidelity and wisdom, and was again elected this year. He is serving on various committees, among them being Corporations, Immigration, and Wild Lands.

HON. COLUMBUS GRANADE.

COLUMBUS GRANADE, Representative from Wilkes County, was born in Warren County, Georgia, on May 5, 1831. His parents were Adam Granade and Rebecca Ansley Granade, and his ancestors for several generations were successful and sturdy farmers in that section of the state. Mr. Granade was married in Warren County, May 15, 1856, to Miss Nancy A. Beck, a daughter of Rev. T. J. Beck, Sr., a distinguished Baptist minister. They have four children, Mrs. A. J. Orr, Thomas A., Jos. W. and Annie M. Granade. He served in the Confederate army in the 12th Georgia Battallion and was twice wounded, at Monoccacy in 1864 and the next year at Fort Steadman, where he was captured. Politically Mr. Granade has been an unswerving Democrat, never having consorted with any of the newer parties and his previous experience in public life has been confined to membership on his County Board of Education. By occupation he is a farmer and teacher. He was appointed by the Speaker to serve on the following committees: County and County Matters; Penitentiary, Temperance.

Wilkes County is one of the older counties of the State, whose citizens take pride in their representation in the General Assembly, and in sending Mr. Granade, they selected a solid, substantial citizen, in whose hands the interests of his constituency are perfectly safe. He is especially interested in the

temperance question and his appointment to serve on the Temperance Committee is a recognition of the deep interest which he has manifested in the proper solution of this important question.

HON. J. P. KNIGHT.

JONATHAN PERRY KNIGHT, Representative from Berrien County, was born at Ray's Mills in that county March 14, 1872. His parents were John G. and Mary A. Knight. He is by occupation a farmer and cotton buyer. Mr. Knight was married on November 6, 1896, at Lois, Georgia, to Miss Ada Parrish. They have two children, Dewey, whose birth occurring on the day Cervera's fleet was destroyed at Santiago, was named for the admiral of the navy who was the hero of the battle of Manila. L. J. Knight, grandfather of J. P., was a major in the Indian war and also a captain in the Confederate service. He and one of his sons were members of one or the other branch of the General Assembly for forty years. L. J. Knight was instrumental in the laying-out and establishing of Berrien County.

Mr. Knight, the present Representative, was elected to the clerkship of the Superior Court of his county at the age of twenty-three and held the office until elected to the House in 1900. He took a prominent part in the deliberation of the House during his first term and also in the recent campaign for the governorship.

Speaker Morris appointed Mr. Knight to serve on the following committees during the present session: Immigration, Invalid Pensions; Mines and Mining; Roads and Bridges; Wild Lands.

HON. D. C. DAVES.

D. C. DAVES, Representative from Fannin county, was born February 24, 1865. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools of the neighborhood when it was possible. He graduated at the Atlanta Medical College in 1892 with the degree of M. D., and has since practiced his profession with marked success in his county.

In the last primary he was nominated by the Democrats for Representative. The campaign was an extremely warm one, as the county had been in the Republican ranks ever since the war. So aggressive were the Democrats this year led by their candidate for the House that the entire Democratic ticket was elected. This is the first time in forty years that Fannin has been solidly in the Democratic ranks, and the members of the House have warmly congratulated Dr. Daves on his success.

The wonderful campaign waged by Dr. Daves shows the esteem in which he is held by the people of his county, and is a marked tribute to his worth and ability. He is a member of the following committees: Corporations, Georgia State Sanitarium, Hygiene and Sanitation, Penitentiary, Ways and Means.

HON. S. R. BRINSON.

SIMEON RUSSELL BRINSON, Representative from Decatur county, is a native of that county, being born at Brinson on February 19, 1876. He is the son of Simeon and Hattie Russell Brinson. Mr. Brinson is a cousin of ex-Congressman Benj. E. Russell, of Bainbridge, who has been for years a leading figure in political and journalistic circles; and also of R. M. Johnson, the distinguished editor of the Houston Post, one of the most influential papers in the State of Texas.

Mr. Brinson received a common school education in the schools of his county and later attended Mercer University for two years. He entered

newspaper work at Bainbridge in 1897 as editor and owner of the Bainbridge Searchlight, and has been one of the most successful publishers in that section of the State. Despite his comparative youth, Mr. Brinson has made his paper very influential and has advocated every progressive idea in his county. He is a strong advocate of the Good Roads movement and is one of its foremost exponents in that section of the State. He has attended several conventions held in the interest of road improvement and has devoted much time and attention to the close study of the important questions involved. He is not married, but is not confirmed in the habit, and will hardly remain in single harness long.

Mr. Brinson was nominated for the Legislature in the face of strong opposition, and the extremely successful race he ran is an evidence of the high regard in which he is held by the people for whom he labors. His colleague, who was elected at the same time, Hon. Benhart Nussbaum, has since died, and Hon. Byron B. Bower has been elected in his stead. Mr. Brinson is serving on the committees on Military Affairs, Penitentiary, and Public Printing.

HON. C. C. RICHARDSON.

CHOVINE CLEGG RICHARDSON, Representative from Houston county, is a South Carolinian by birth, having made his appearance in that State on November 16, 1857, in the town of Sumter, Sumter county. He is a member of the famous South Carolina family of Richardsons which has furnished the Palmetto State with governors and congressmen from time to time. He is the son of Dr. C. H. Richardson. Judge John S. Richardson of the Circuit Court, Congressman John G. Richardson and the famous Governor John Peter Richardson were relatives of his.

Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Alice Culpepper at Byron, Ga., on July 29, 1885, and they have an interesting family of five children—Kate,

Maggie, Susie, Chovine, Jr., and Marion. His residence is at Byron, and he is engaged in the practice of law, supplemented by a general mercantile business. Mr. Richardson is one of the leading business and professional men of his county, and, like many of the sons of old South Carolina who have found homes in this State, has won success.

He was a member of the last General Assembly, having been elected to the lower branch, and, so well pleased were the people of his county with his legislative career, he was honored with their endorsement for a second term. During the present session he is serving on several committees, among them being Corporations, Education, Enrollment, Immigration, Labor and Labor Statistics, Pensions, Special Judiciary.

HON. H. P. HOWARD.

HENRY PHILIP HOWARD, Representative from Laurens county, is serving his first term in the House. He was born in Wilkinson county, Georgia, May 2, 1851. His parents, James M. and Frances Howard, were well-known residents of Wilkinson and were connected both by blood and marriage with some of the best people of that section of the State. Mr. Howard was married to Miss Martha H. Gilder of Laurens county, January 19, 1874.

Mr. Howard studied law with one of the leading attorneys of that section of the State and was admitted to the bar after standing an excellent examination. He has been located for a number of years at Dublin, where he has been one of the leaders at the bar.

Being concerned with affairs of the law, Mr. Howard has hitherto kept aloof from political life. Upon the solicitation, however, of numerous people in his county he consented to make the race for the House, and was nominated by a good majority at the primary and was elected. Laurens has

come within the last few years to be one of the most important counties in the State, and this session sent two Representatives to the House for the first time.

By appointment of the Speaker, Mr. Howard is serving on the following important committees: General Judiciary; Immigration; Privileges of the Floor; Roads and Bridges; Ways and Means.

HON. E. S. BALDWIN.

EZEKIEL SMITH BALDWIN, Representative from Schley county, is a native of Monroe county, Georgia, the son of Samuel B. and Emily Smith Baldwin. He was born August 1, 1835. His parents moved to Talbotton, where Mr. Baldwin was reared.

Mr. Baldwin was married in Macon county February, 1859, to Miss Artimesia C. Taylor, and they have reared an interesting family—Mrs. M. L. Shealey of Oglethorpe, Mrs. W. H. Gaines of Oglethorpe, Mrs. G. W. Chipley of Columbus, Mrs. C. C. Carlton of Plant City, Fla., Claude Taylor Baldwin and Charlie E. Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin entered the Confederate service in July, 1862, as a member of Company D, Twenty-ninth battalion of cavalry. His command served throughout the war, for the most part being engaged in the operations in Florida.

While Mr. Baldwin has been prominent in the public affairs of his county for a number of years, he has never sought official position, except that of County Surveyor, which he held for a number of years. He was elected to the House by a handsome majority, which testified to his position among his fellow citizens.

In the House he has been appointed to serve on the following committees: Appropriations, Counties and County Matters, Vice-Chairman of Immigration, Public Library, Special Judiciary, Ways and Means.

HON. C. M. BOOTH.

CHARLES M. BOOTH, Representative from Walton county, was born in Jackson county, January 6, 1854. His parents had been respected residents of that section of the State some years and were connected with a number of well-known families.

The greater part of Mr. Booth's life has been spent in Walton county, where he was married December 10, 1882, to Miss Mary Smith. They have two daughters—Alma, who married Mr. B. H. Jenkins, and Floy, who is now Mrs. E. M. Williams.

Mr. Booth has been prominent in his adopted county for several years. He has served as Notary Public and Justice of the Peace, and also County Surveyor for twenty years, and has been of great value to his people in these important capacities. He has always taken great interest in the affairs of his county and has ever been ready to give her his best efforts, whether in official or unofficial capacity.

Mr. Booth was elected to the House for the first time in 1900 and served his constituency with such fidelity that he was honored with another term, during which he is increasing the enviable reputation already won.

Mr. Booth is serving on the committees on Appropriations, Education, General Agriculture, Labor and Labor Statistics, Penitentiary, Railroads, Special Judiciary.

HON. R. E. DAVISON.

ROBERT EMMETT DAVISON, Representative from Greene county, was born at Woodville, in that county, where he still resides, on October 14, 1854. He is the son of James M. and Margaret Davison, who were honored residents of the county for many years. James M. Davidson was one of the leading public men of his county before the Civil War, and represented it several times in the Legislature when the capitol was at Milledgeville.

He was married at Bairdston in December, 1875, and has an interesting

family composed of nine children, three boys and six girls. Mr. Davison is a merchant at Woodville, and is also interested in agriculture, having farming interests near at hand.

The first public service performed by Mr. Davison was as representative from his county in 1894, when he served on the Penitentiary Committee; after which he retired from politics and took up the more peaceful pursuits of private life, giving strict attention to his personal interests until this year, when he was called upon by his fellow-citizens to again represent them.

Mr. Davison's previous legislative experience will stand him in good stead during the present session. He has been appointed by the Speaker to serve on the committees on Appropriations and Corporations.

HON. E. M. OWEN.

EMMETT MARSHALL OWEN, Representative from Pike county, was born at Hollonville, in that county, October 19, 1877. His parents were B. M. and Mrs. Mary Owen.

Mr. Owen attended the common schools of his native village and later entered Gordon Institute, at Barnesville. While a student in this splendid institution Mr. Owen took a prominent part in the military life and in the work of the literary societies. He was a good student and took a high stand in his class. He graduated with the class of 1897.

After graduating at Gordon Institute, Mr. Owen taught for a while. He then entered the law department of the University of Georgia, and graduated with the degree of B. L. in 1900.

Since leaving the University Mr. Owen has been teaching. He has taught flourishing schools in Meriwether county and recently has been at the head of the Hollonville school.

Mr. Owen is unmarried. He resides at Hollonville. His election to the House was his first appearance in political life, and he defeated several strong opponents. He is a member of the following committees: Appropriation, General Judiciary, Chairman of Hall and Rooms, Penitentiary, Roads and Bridges, University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. H. H. LITTLE.

HENRY H. LITTLE, Representative from Hancock County, is a native of that county and a member of a family which has long been prominent in that section of Georgia. He is connected with a number of the most influential families in the State, among them being the Harrises, the Sasnetts and the Littles of Western and Southern Georgia. He is also a descendant of Governor Rabun.

Mr. Little was born in 1872 and graduated from Emory College in 1891, taking a degree in the literary department. He afterwards studied law at the University of Georgia, and graduated with the Law Class of 1899. During the years between his graduation from Emory and his entrance into the legal profession, he was engaged in teaching. He resides at Sparta, where he is regarded as a leader of the local bar. Mr. Little is serving on the committees on General Judiciary, Georgia State Sanitarium, Railroads.

HON. W. N. PHILLIPS.

W. N. PHILLIPS, Representative from Quitman county, was born in Gordon county, Georgia, in 1852, near Reeves Station. In 1860 his father moved to Southwest Georgia, locating in Randolph county in the winter of that year, and the subject of this sketch worked on the farm, following peaceful agricultural pursuits until his marriage in 1872. After his marriage Mr. Phillips moved to Quitman county, where he has since resided. For a number of years he paid strict attention to his agricultural interests and did not allow himself to be attracted by the blandishments of political life until he was brought into prominence during the celebrated uprising against the "town ring" in his county, and was thereafter put for-

ward for various county offices. He was once a candidate for the State Senate, but was defeated by the narrow margin of sixty votes.

Mr. Phillips is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Morris Station, besides being one of the substantial farmers of his county. He has four daughters, all married: Mrs. E. E. Willis, of Montgomery, Alabama; Mrs. F. R. Ball, of Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. A. F. Lee, of Macon, Georgia and Mrs. W. U. Ogletree, of Atlanta. Speaker Morris has appointed Mr. Phillips to serve on the committees on General Agriculture; Penitentiary; Roads and Bridges; Wild Lands.

HON. W. H. BEALL.

W. H. BEALL, Representative from Paulding county, is a native of the county of which he is now a representative, having been born at Dallas. He continued to reside there until his 20th year, and received a common school education in the school at that place. He then attended the Atlanta Medical College in the year 1881, and in 1883 entered the medical department of the University of Tennessee, graduating with the class of 1884. He began the practice of his profession at Bremen, Ga., remaining there until 1890, when he moved back to Paulding county, locating at Bird, some nine miles from Dallas, where he yet resides.

Dr. Beall's entrance into politics began with this year, when he defeated R. M. Ritch, the Populist nominee for the House, by a majority of 258 votes, and becoming the first Democratic representative from Paulding in several years. He is married and the father of two interesting children. His father was also a prominent citizen of Paulding, having served several terms in the House, and also represented his district in the Senate at one time. Dr. Beall is serving on the following committees this session: Excuse of Members, Georgia State Sanitarium, Hygiene and Sanitation, Penitentiary, Railroads, State of the Republic.

HON. B. H. BURTON.

BENJAMIN HARRISON BURTON, Representative from Franklin county, was born August 29, 1848, near Carnesville, Ga., in the county of which he is now a representative in the lower branch of the General Assembly. His father was Benjamin Harrison Burton, who was a prominent citizen of that section of the State for quite a number of years, and his mother, before her marriage, was Miss Jane C. King.

Mr. Burton was married near Carnesville on the 9th of November, 1873, to Miss Emmalissa Parsons, and they have three sons—James H., Rush and Thomas Reed. Mr. Burton's residence is at Iron Rock. Mrs. Burton was born in Pickens county, South Carolina.

HON. W. D. MILLS.

WILLIAM DAVID MILLS, Representative from Cherokee county, resides at Canton. He is engaged in the practice of law, and since locating there has built up a good business.

Mr. Mills is a native of Pickens county, Georgia, where he was born June 11, 1870. His parents were Hiram J. and Linsey Mills.

On May 14, 1899, Mr. Mills was married at Canton to Miss Ada Priscilla Evans of that place. Their union has been very happy, and one child, a son, has been born to them.

Mr. Mills is another member of the House who never before held public office. Since attaining his majority and being admitted to the bar he

has been so busily engaged in professional work that he has had neither opportunity nor desire to enter politics. However, this year he was prevailed upon by his friends throughout the county to make the race for the House. So satisfactory was his candidacy to the people of the county no one opposed him. His election under such circumstances was a deserved tribute to the esteem in which the young member from Cherokee is held by his people.

Mr. Mills is serving on the following House committees: Corporations, Chairman of Invalid Pensions, Hygiene and Sanitation, Labor and Labor Statistics, Penitentiary.

HON. W. L. HENRY.

WILLIAM LEACH HENRY, Representative from Murray county, is a resident of Beaver Dale, in that county. He was born among the hills of Murray on the 14th of January, 1853, and is a farmer by occupation. His parents were Rev. S. H. and Mrs. Rossie A. Henry.

Mr. Henry was married in his native county on March 21, 1878, to Miss Sarah W. McCamy, and they have four children—Robert H., Jessie, Claude and Lewis.

Mr. Henry has been prominent in the political life of his county for many years, and has filled several positions of honor and trust. He was elected to membership of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of Murray county in 1897, and served on that body through the years 1897, 1898 and 1899. He established a reputation as a careful and painstaking guardian of the people's interests. So pleased were the people of his county with his course in official life, he was nominated for Representative in 1900 and elected. He served in the last House with great credit and was elected this year for another term. He is a member of several important committees of the House, among them being Immigration, Internal Improvements, Manufactures, Roads and Bridges.

HON. W. A. WOOTEN.

WILLIAM A. WOOTEN, Representative from the county of Montgomery, resides at Mt. Vernon, where he is engaged in the practice of law, and also has important business interests. Mr. Wooten was born in that county March 6, 1873, his parents being John A. Wooten and Jennie McEachin Wooten. His ancestors on both sides have been prominent people in that section of the State for a long time.

Mr. Wooten is unmarried. This is his first venture into political life. Since his admission to the bar he has established a splendid practice in his native county, and is considered one of the leading young lawyers of that section. He has taken great interest in the proceedings of the House, and is serving on the following committees: Immigration, Internal Improvements, Mines and Mining, Public Library, Special Judiciary.

HON. M. V. CALVIN.

MARTIN V. CALVIN, Representative from Richmond county, is one of the most prominent members of the General Assembly, and has been a member of that body for eight consecutive terms. He is a resident of Augusta, and is a farmer and journalist.

Mr. Calvin is an authoritative writer on agricultural topics, and has done a great deal toward the advancement of agricultural interests in this State. He is a scientific and successful farmer, and has done a great deal to spread the diversified-crop idea throughout this and ajoining States.

During his entire term of service in the Legislature Mr. Calvin has been a consistent and strenuous advocate of progress along agricultural, industrial and educational lines, and has done the State marked service. In Richmond county he was one of the leaders in establishing the system of public roads which has made Richmond noted throughout the South, and which serves as a model for the entire section. He was a member of the Board of Education

of that county for nine years and was a working member in every sense of the word. Mr. Calvin was among the first advocates of the Girls' Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville and the Georgia School of Technology, and has always taken a great deal of interest in these institutions, and has worked untiringly for their success. He is one of the leaders of the House, and his leadership is of great value to his colleagues. He is a graduate of Emory College and has always taken great interest in the institution.

Mr. Calvin is chairman of the Committee on General Agriculture and is a member of the committees on Appropriations, Banks and Banking, Corporations, Hall and Rooms, Pensions, Public Printing, Temperance, University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. J. E. HAYS.

JAMES ELIJAH HAYS, Representative from Macon county, is a Floridian by birth, having been born at Greenwood, Jackson county, December 27, 1862. He is the son of James and Sarah Hays.

Mr. Hays has been a prominent citizen of Montezuma for several years. He has served as alderman and has twice been elected to the mayoralty of that thriving little city. In 1900 he was elected to the Senate from the Thirteenth district. He made a splendid reputation as a legislator during his term in the Senate, and was a member of several of the most important committees of the body. He took a prominent part in the work of the Senate and rendered his constituency and the State splendid service. So pleased were the people of his county with his record in the Senate upon the expiration of his term he was elected to the House, and is a member of the following committees: Corporations, Manufactures, Mines and Mining, Special Agriculture.

Mr. Hays has been married twice, first to Miss Martha Dawson at Mon-

tezuma, November 3, 1885. She died in 1890, leaving one child, Mattie Dawson Hays. On June 26 of this year he was married to Miss Louise Frederick, a member of one of the leading families of Marshallville, Ga.

HON. T. J. SHACKELFORD.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SHACKELFORD, Representative from Clarke County, is a native of the neighboring county of Jackson, having been born in that county on the 16th of February, 1868. His parents were Chas. W. and Carrie M. Shackelford, both members of families that had been prominent in that section. Mr. Shackelford received his common school education in the schools of that county and afterwards attended the University of Georgia at Athens, from which notable institution he was graduated with the Class of 1891, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having aspirations leading him to the study of law, he entered the law department of the same institution and was graduated therefrom in 1892, taking his B. L. degree.

After graduation he entered upon the practice of his profession in Athens, associating himself with his brother, F. C. Shackelford under the firm name of Shackelford and Shackelford. His legal career has been very successful and he is considered to be one of the leading attorneys of his city.

Having had no desire for political preferment, Mr. Shackelford had never entered the arena until this year. His membership in the present House of Representatives is the first office he has ever held.

Mr. Shackelford is unmarried. He is deeply interested in a number of subjects of importance which come before the legislature, among them being education, agriculture, good roads and a pure ballot and has given them a great deal of study. Mr. Shackelford is serving on the Committee on Corporations, of which he is Chairman, and on the General Judiciary and Military Affairs committees.

HON. D. J. FUSSELL.

DAVID J. FUSSELL, Representative from Chattahoochee county, was born near Cusseta, in that county, on the 11th of October, 1847. His father was Benjamin A. Fussell, who came from North Carolina to Georgia seventy years ago and settled in Telfair county. After living in Telfair for several years he moved to Chattahoochee, where the subject of this sketch was born.

Mr. Fussell is a mechanic by occupation and has been one of the leading citizens of Cusseta for many years. He has always been a consistent Democrat and served continuously as Justice of the Peace since 1877. He was appointed Judge of the County Court until the same was abolished. He has also been mayor of Cusseta several times and served his town with faithfulness and zeal. He is a consistent Christian and has been active in the work of his church.

Mr. Fussell has taken great interest in important legislative matters the Speaker, he is serving on the committees on Counties and County Matters, General Agriculture, Georgia School for the Deaf, Immigration, Internal Improvements.

HON. A. W. EVANS.

A. WILLIS EVANS, one of the Representatives from Washington county, before being elected to his present position had never before held any office in the gift of the people. His public service hitherto had consisted of a term as city attorney of Sandersville and one as attorney for Washington county. Mr. Evans was born June 9, 1874, the son of Colonel Beverly D. Evans, Sr., and Mrs. Sallie P. Evans, and has since resided at Sandersville, the place of his birth. His father was one of the most prominent men of his day in the State, a brave soldier of the Confederacy and a distinguished private citizen. Judge Beverly D. Evans of the Middle circuit is a brother of A. W. Evans.

Mr. Evans was married at Cedartown, Georgia, on January 4, 1899, to Miss Lillian Booz of that place and one child, a daughter, Lillian Beverly Evans, blesses their union. He has been one of the leading attorneys at the bar of his native county since his admission and comes to the House well equipped to serve well the interests of his constituents.

Mr. Evans' committee appointments for the session are: General Judiciary; Journals; Amendments to Constitution; Georgia School for the Deaf; Ways and Means.

HON. J. S. MIZELL.

JOSEPH S. MIZELL, representative from Charlton county, was born in that county, November 25, 1867. His father was Noah Newton Mizell, a well-known farmer of that county, who has been prominent in public life there for many years. At present the elder Mr. Mizell is filling the office of County School Commissioner, which position he has filled acceptably to the people and with credit to himself for eight years. Perry Mizell and Peter Grooms, the grandfathers of Mr. J. S. Mizell, were substantial farmers and leading citizens of Charlton for many years.

Mr. Mizell was married at Folkston May 24, 1893, to Miss Haddock, of that place, and they have five children—Clyde, Roy, Everett, Cleo and Gladys.

The previous political service of Mr. Mizell has been as Clerk of the Superior Court of Charlton county, which position he filled ably and acceptably until he tendered his resignation to make the race for the Legislature. He has always been a staunch and loyal Democrat and has given his party good service at various times. Mr. Mizell is by occupation a naval stores operator and has considerable holdings among the pine forests of his native county.

Mr. Mizell's committee appointments for the present session are: State of the Republic, Wild Lands.

HON. J. O. BEAUCHAMP.

JAMES OLIVER BEAUCHAMP, Representative from Butts County, is a native of that county and has resided within its borders his entire life with the exception of the years spent in the army. He was born in Butts County, in May, 1846. In 1861 he enlisted in a company formed in Butts which was made a part of the 30th Georgia Regiment for service in the Confederate army. One of the youngest members of the regiment, he enlisted as drummer boy and served throughout the war.

Mr. Beauchamp has served as mayor of the town of Jackson, where he resides, and for eighteen years was sheriff of Butts County. In the latter capacity he made a splendid reputation as a brave and unflinching officer. He is widely known throughout the State and is an influential member of the House. He is a member of a number of committees, among them being General Agriculture, County and County Matters, Corporations, Privileges and Elections, Labor and Labor Statistics, and Georgia School for the Deaf.

Mr. Beauchamp's son, Chas. O. Beauchamp, was mayor of Jackson one term and is one of the most prominent young men in that section of the State.

HON. M. B. RICE.

MAJOR BARTON RICE, Representative from Forsyth county, was born in that county on January 11, 1845. His parents were Benjamin J. and Susan Buford Rice. He was married in Lumpkin county, February 23, 1871, to Miss Miranda L. Smith, and to them have been born seven children—E. M., Alice, R. S., J. M., G. E., H. M. and Susan. Mr. Rice is a farmer by occupation and resides at Pleasant, Forsyth county.

Mr. Rice enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, in May,

1862, being at that time a few months over 17 years of age, and served throughout the rest of the war, surrendering at Appomattox when the fortunes of the Confederacy finally failed. Mr. Rice was a good soldier and made a splendid record as a valiant fighter for the cause of the South.

After Lee's surrender Mr. Rice returned to his home in Forsyth county, arriving there some time in May and assisting in putting in the crop for that year. Ever since that time he has followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and has been successful in his endeavors. He has the confidence and respect of the people of his county, and will render them good service as their Representative. He is serving on the following committees: Blind Asylum, Corporations, Manufactures.

HON. J. B. SANDERS.

J. B. SANDERS, Representative from Heard County, was born in Carroll County in 1864. When he was quite young his parents moved to Coweta County, where he attended school for several years. After attending the Southern Medical College, in Atlanta, he graduated from that institution in 1888 and located in Corinth, Heard County, where he began the practice of medicine. He has been very successful in his profession and has established a splendid practice, being one of the leading physicians of that section of the State.

Dr. Sanders married Miss Ruth Spearman, daughter of Hon. Wesley Spearman, a former representative from Heard. They have two children, Christina and Katie Ruth. In the history of Heard County but one man has been elected to succeed himself in the House and Dr. Sanders bears this unique distinction, which is a great tribute from his constituency to his worth as a man and ability as a legislator.

HON. J. M. McBRIDE.

JAMES MONROE McBRIDE, Representative from Lee county, was born in Oglethorpe, Macon county, Georgia, February 1, 1868. He has resided in Lee county for a number of years, and is engaged in farming, and also in mercantile pursuits. Mr. McBride was married August 3, 1890, to Miss Lou Reese Laramore. They have three children—Merlin, Mary Davis and Rowe.

Mr. McBride had never entered political life previous to this year. At the beginning of the campaign he was solicited to make the race for the House, and was successful in leading the entire ticket. His residence is at Leesburg.

HON. J. M. SLATON.

JOHN MARSHALL SLATON, Representative from Fulton County, is serving his third term in the House. He is a native of Meriwether County, Georgia, where he was born December 25, 1866. After spending the early years of his life on the ancestral plantation, he moved to Spalding County and attended the country schools of the neighborhood for several years. Coming to Atlanta, he passed through the public schools and received a diploma from the Boys' High School in 1880. Mr. Slaton then entered the sophomore class of the State University, where he took a high stand in his classes and in the various activities of college life. He grad-

uated from that institution in 1886 and began the study of law in the office of Hopkins & Glenn. Several years after being admitted to the bar he formed a partnership with John T. Glenn which continued for several years. He is now a member of the firm of Slaton & Phillips, of Atlanta.

Mr. Slaton was first elected to the House in 1896 and has made an enviable record in that body. He has been chairman of the General Judiciary Committee and has had a prominent part in shaping all recent legislation. Before coming to the House, Mr. Slaton had been president of the Young Men's Democratic League and had taken a great deal of interest in political matters. He is a member of several secret orders and holds important positions in them. Besides being chairman of the General Judiciary Committee in the present House, Mr. Slaton is on several of the most important among the others.

Mr. Slaton married Mrs. Sarah Frances Jackson, daughter of the late W. D. Grant, Georgia's wealthiest citizen.

HON. R. B. BLACKBURN.

ROBERT B. BLACKBURN, of Atlanta, is a member of the Fulton delegation in the present General Assembly. He is one of the young members of the House serving for the first time in official capacity—although it is a simple statement of fact, recognized by all the older and more experienced members, that he is one of the most efficient in committee work, and one of the best equipped and most eloquent in the forum of debate. He was elected to the Legislature solely on his merits and personal popularity, winning over a large field of strong aspirants.

Mr. Blackburn is vice-chairman of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, and a leading member on the Ways and Means and General Judiciary Committees.

During the present session of the Legislature Mr. Blackburn has attracted

wide newspaper notice and general popular favor by his introduction of a bill known on the calendar as the Blackburn Patrol Bill, a measure that seeks to correct horrible crime in Georgia by providing for the appointment, through the several grand juries, of a patrol of seven men from each militia district in the counties, who are to operate under a captain and arrest all vagrants and criminals, receiving pay from fines imposed.

Mr. Blackburn is a representative member of the legal profession in Atlanta, having been admitted to the practice in Kentucky, by special legislative act, before he attained his majority.

He was born in Barnesville, Georgia, July 15, 1865. His father was Dr. J. C. C. Blackburn, a distinguished physician and gifted writer, who married Miss Francis A. Holmes. R. B. Blackburn was married to Miss Mamie E. Johnson, of Atlanta, on November 19, 1895. He is a brother of the well-known editor and writer, Benjamin H. Blackburn, than whom no man in the South wields a more vigorous or gifted pen.

HON. C. C. HOUSTON.

CLINTON CRAIG HOUSTON, Representative from Fulton County, is serving his second term in the House. His father, Rev. Washington Jackson Houston, was a South Carolinian, a member of one of the most prominent families of the State and a minister of the Christian Church for many years. His mother was a member of the Craig family which is well known in Virginia, being one of the leading family connections in the western section of the Old Dominion.

Mr. Houston is a printer by trade and came to Atlanta from Virginia eight years ago. He was married in 1887 to Miss Mina Stewart and has two children, Evah, aged fourteen, and Gladys, aged eleven.

Since coming to Atlanta, Mr. Houston has taken a very prominent part in

the trade union movement as he had in Virginia before. He is a member and President of the Local Typographical Union and has been one of the leaders in its ranks. He is now Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia Federation of Labor which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. He takes great interest in all labor questions and is active in his legislative work. He is an ardent supporter of the movement to prevent the employment of children in the cotton mills of the State.

Mr. Houston is Chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Labor Statistics and is a member of the committees on Enrollment; Penitentiary; Public Printing; and Temperance.

HON. B. B. BOWER.

BYRON BEAUFORT BOWER, Jr., Representative from Decatur County, is a native of that county, where he was born June 27, 1874. He is the son of Judge B. B. Bower, one of the most prominent attorneys in that section of the State for a number of years.

Mr. Bower is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is a lawyer by profession. He is engaged in the practice at Bainbridge, and by his ability and energy has built up a handsome practice. His first legislative experience was gained as a member of the House in 1898-99, when he made a reputation as one of the brightest among the young members. He was again elected to the next House. This year Mr. Bower made the race for the Senate against Hon. John D. Harrell, but was defeated in the primary. Hon. B. Nusbaum, who had been elected to the House from Decatur, died before taking his seat and an election was called to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bower made the race and was elected.

Mr. Bower has been prominent in the public affairs of his county since his graduation and is one of the most popular young men in that section of the State. He was lieutenant-colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Allen D. Candler during his first term.

HON. E. L. RAINEY.

EUGENE LEIGH RAINEY, editor and proprietor of the Dawson News, and representative from Terrell county in the House, is one of the best equipped of all of the members. First, because in his editorial capacity, he has long made a study of State affairs, and, therefore, brought with him to the Legislature a thorough knowledge of the State's needs, as well as an extended acquaintance among the leaders in both branches of the Legislature. These circumstances, in connection with his splendid native ability, enabled Mr. Rainey to take at once an active and prominent stand, and he is already recognized as one of the most valuable members of the House.

Mr. Rainey was born in Perry, Houston county, July 17, 1863. His parents were W. L. and Johnnie Rainey, well-known residents of that county. He attended Perry Academy until he was 16 years of age, when he began his apprenticeship in the office of the Perry Home Journal, where he worked for two years. At the age of 18, in connection with C. M. DuPree, of Houston county, he began the publication at Vienna of the first paper ever published in Dooly county. From Vienna he went to Dawson in 1884, and for several years was connected with the Dawson Journal, which was one of the oldest and best established papers in Southwest Georgia, and a factor in the affairs of that section.

In 1888 he bought an interest in the Macon Evening News and became business manager of that paper, but in a short time, having an opportunity to buy the Dawson News, he sold his Macon interest and returned to Dawson, and has since published what is generally regarded as one of the best weekly papers in the South. His office is thoroughly equipped with an up-to-date steam printing plant, being a combined newspaper and job office.

In November, 1889, Mr. Rainey married Miss Mamie E. Symmes, a niece of John B. Perry, one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Dawson. Mr. Rainey is the father of two children—Ellagene, a girl of 12 years of age, and Clem, a boy of 8.

Mr. Rainey has long been prominent in the political affairs of his section. He served nine years as member of the City Council of Dawson, being for several years mayor pro tem. of his town, and for twelve years as a member of the City Public School Board, having been recently elected for a term of eight years. He was chairman of the Terrell County Executive Committee and the Eleventh District Senatorial Committee for four years, which latter position he resigned during the past spring to become a candidate for the Legislature. To the latter position he was elected without opposition, in recognition of his long service to his party and section as well as of his personal worth. It is seldom that such a compliment is paid a man in Terrell county, where there are almost always too factions arrayed against each other. Mr. Rainey also holds appointment from Governor Candler as member of the advisory board for the Second Congressional district of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

HON. J. W. H. UNDERWOOD.

JOSEPH W. H. UNDERWOOD, Representative from White county, is a native of Hall county, where he was born on September 15, 1852. His parents were Dr. A. F. Underwood and Mrs. Sarah Underwood, formerly Cantrell, who were well-known residents of Hall county for a number of years. Mr. Underwood is married, has no children, and resides at Cleveland, which has been his home since 1860.

Mr. Underwood was educated in the common schools of that section of the State and afterwards studied law under the preceptorship of Judge J. J. Kimsey. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and has continued in the practice of his profession since that time, having built up a splendid practice in his county.

In 1874 Mr. Underwood was appointed postmaster at Cleveland, and continued to hold the office until 1879. He held no other public office until 1898, when he was elected to the Senate from the Thirty-second district, which

position he filled with signal ability, and at the expiration of his term was nominated for Representative from White and was elected, serving the years 1900-1, and was re-elected this year for another term. He is conceded to be one of the leading members of the House, and is serving as chairman of the Committees on Mines and Mining, and also as a member of the committees on Enrollment, Excuse of Members, Special Judiciary.

HON. J. H. HALL.

JOSEPH HILL HALL, Representative from Bibb county, is the senior member of the delegation from that county and is one of the most forceful figures in the House. Mr. Hall was born at Knoxville, Crawford county, Georgia, March 31, 1844, and comes from a family which has been noted in the legal annals of the State for many years.

Mr. Hall is a lawyer by profession and is a member of the firm of Guerry & Hall, which is conceded to be one of the strongest legal combinations in the State. He has never held official position other than member of the House, and was first elected to this position in 1898, and has served continuously since that time. He occupies a peculiar position in the House, and there is no member whose words command closer attention than his. His eminent professional attainments and rugged honesty of character have made him a marked man since his entrance into the House, and it is safe to say that Mr. Hall is better known to the people of the State of Georgia than any other member of the body.

Mr. Hall might well be termed the defender of the rights of the common people and the guardian of the Constitution. An attack on either of these, however insidious or veiled, is sure to bring the member from Bibb to his feet, and no more doughty champion could be found in the ranks of legislators. He is a forceful and logical speaker; always in earnest, he commands

the attention of his colleagues by the power of his oratory and the common sense of his arguments.

Mr. Hall is especially interested in legislation to regulate railroad and other corporations and make them amenable to the laws of the State, and while his efforts were for a time without avail, the strength of his following showed that the crusade preached by the member from Bibb is well under way and is gaining strength every day.

In the opinion of a great many people of the State, this tribune of the people is destined to play an important part in State politics should he care to continue in public life. His splendid reputation for ability and rugged honesty has spread throughout the State, and his attitude on public questions is undoubtedly favored by a large element of voters. No political combination has been able to defeat him in his home county, and his friends say that wider combinations could not defeat him in wider field. As Representative, Mr. Hall is of value to the entire State, and his public services are appreciated by the people.

HON. G. G. GLENN.

GEORGE GRANT GLENN, resentative from Whitfield county, was born at Dalton, Georgia, October 28, 1868. His father, Jesse A. Glenn, was one of the most prominent figures in that section of the State, and was Colonel of the Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment in the Civil War. His mother before her marriage was Miss Eliza J. Cook.

Mr. Glenn was married in December, 1891, to Miss Mollie R. Quillian of Dalton, and there have been born to them four children—Jesse Grant, George Stanton, Dessie Inez and Edgar Latham.

Mr. Glenn is a life-long Republican and was appointed by President Harrison to the work of compiling the recorded indebtedness of the Seventh Congressional District for the

Census Department in 1890. He served four years as city attorney of Dalton, and in June, 1896, moved to Atlanta, where he engaged in the practice of law in the office of Glenn & Rountree, Hon. W. C. Glenn, the distinguished head of the firm, being his brother.

After living in Atlanta for several years and practicing his profession with marked success, Mr. Glenn returned to Dalton in 1901 to resume the practice of law at his old home. He announced for the Legislature at the opening of the last campaign, and after a warm contest was successful in defeating the Democratic nominee, Frank E. Shumate, by a majority of 126.

HON. L. J. KILBURN.

LEW. J. KILBURN, one of Bibb county's three representatives in the House, is serving his second term in that body, having been triumphantly re-elected the last time in spite of a four-cornered fight, in which it was intended that he should bear the brunt of the contest. Mr. Kilburn first came to the Legislature as the candidate of the labor element of Bibb, it having been the custom there to concede the right of the laboring people to name one of the three candidates. Mr. Kilburn received the undivided endorsement of the combined labor forces of Macon and Bibb county, but even then he seemed to prefer to remain at home and let someone else make the race. Such was the pressure brought to bear upon him, however, that he finally allowed, for the first time in his life, the use of his name for political office. But, having done that much, he refused to take a scramble for the palce, and in the heated contest which followed Mr. Kilburn seemed more a spectator than a candidate, and if it is ever absolutely true that the office seeks the man, it was true in his instance. He led the ticket by a handsome margin, and his sweeping victory was not alone a triumph for organized labor, but was as much a tribute to himself, for much of it was due to Mr.

Kilburn's personal popularity with all classes.

Mr. Kilburn was born in Walhalla, S. C., May 28, 1865, his parents being George W. and Mattie Wilkinson-Kilburn. He attended Adger and Newberry colleges and received an adequate education. Afterwards he supplemented this by an apprenticeship in the office of the Keowee Courier, the leading paper of Walhalla.

After learning the printer's trade, Mr. Kilburn in 1885 moved to Macon, Ga., and has since resided there.

He immediately took an active interest in organized labor affairs, and has been one of the chief factors in making Macon one of the best "organized" cities in the South. Mr. Kilburn was elected president of the Macon Federation of Labor in 1897, and was unanimously re-elected to that position every year until 1902, when he was unanimously elected president of the Georgia Federation of Labor, the highest office within the gift of the laboring people of Georgia.

In December, 1890, Mr. Kilburn was married to Miss Kathleen Abel, a member of one of the best known and most substantial families of Macon, and they have two handsome boys—Roger, aged 10, and Ray, aged 8.

HON. L. M. LANIER.

L. M. LANIER, Representative from Bryan County, resides at Pembroke. He is a native of the county of which he is now representative, having been born there in 1852. He enlisted in the Confederate service as a member of the 25th Georgia Regiment, and served throughout the war. He was commissioned as second lieutenant and was a brave officer.

Mr. Lanier has been engaged in farming in Bryan County ever since the war and has never before entered politics. He was earnestly solicited to make the race for the House this year by a host of friends throughout the entire county. Mr. Lanier has reared an interesting family. His wife was formerly Miss Sarah McElveen, and seven children have been born to them.

six of whom are now living. The children are Flavius J., W. A., James A., Mrs. Talitha Kennedy, Mrs. Esther Lanier, and Mrs. Gertrude Beasley.

Mr. Lanier is serving on the committees on Special Agriculture, Mines and Mining, Invalid Pensions, and State of the Republic.

HON. E. B. HUTCHESON,

EDWARD B. HUTCHESON, Representative from Haralson county, resides at Buchanan. He was born in Draketown, Haralson county, November 18, 1857, the son of Dr. R. B. and Mrs. Ellen Hogue Hutcheson.

Dr. R. B. Hutcheson, father of the present Representative, was a prominent citizen of Haralson. He represented the county several times in the House, and was also a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

After attending the common schools of his neighborhood Dr. Hutcheson, the subject of the present sketch, attended the Atlanta Medical College. He graduated from this institution in 1891, and has since practiced his profession with marked success.

Dr. Hutcheson was married December 4, 1881, to Miss Georgia Newton. They have four children, Chester A., Elsa, Arleigh V. and Dewey.

Dr. Hutcheson first made his entry into legislative halls in 1900 as a member of the House. He made a record as a faithful public servant, and was re-elected at the end of his term.

HON. J. R. SINGLETARY.

JOHN ROLAND SINGLETARY, Representative from Thomas County, is a resident of Cairo, in that county, near which place he was born August 8, 1859. His parents were Haynes and Helen Singletary, members of excellent families in that section and connected with many leading families of South Georgia by blood and marriage.

Mr. Singletary is married and has three children—David Hardee, Milton

McKinley and Gussie May. He is a lawyer by profession and was graduated from the law department of the University of Georgia with the class of 1889, and has since practiced his profession with marked success in Thomas and the adjacent counties.

Mr. Singletary has served two terms as mayor of the thriving little city of Cairo—1890 and 1891—and his administration of its municipal affairs was highly satisfactory to the people of the town. Cairo bears the unique distinction of being the largest inland market for Georgia cane syrup in the State. The farmers of that section give great attention to cane as a money crop, and there are upwards of ten thousand barrels of the sweet commodity marketed in Cairo each year. The addition of a new staple to the list of crops in that section has brought prosperity to the section, and Cairo is one of the most progressive and enterprising little cities in the State.

Mr. Singletary is serving on the following House committees: Blind Asylum, Counties and County Matters, Special Judiciary, and Western and Atlantic Railroad.

HON. J. FERRIS CANN.

J. FERRIS CANN, Representative from Chatham County, is a native of Chatham County, where he was born December 11, 1868. He is the son of James F. and Anna S. Cann. Before her marriage his mother was Miss Anna S. Turner. Mr. Cann is a descendant of distinguished Revolutionary ancestry and by right of birth is a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

After completing his literary education, Mr. Cann studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1888. He has since been engaged in the practice of the profession in Savannah, as a member of the firm of G. T. & J. F. Cann, and has made a good reputation and established a splendid practice at the bar.

Mr. Cann's first appearance in politics was as president of the Citizens' Club of Savannah, the dominant organization in municipal politics there

for several years and one of the most important in the State. He was president of the Bryan and Stevenson Club during their campaign. In 1900 he represented the first district in the Senate and was regarded as one of the best posted and most influential members of that body. This year he was elected to the House by a good majority and at once took the rank to which his ability and experience entitled him. He is chairman of the Committee on Railroads and is also a member of a number of others, among them Amendments to Constitution, Appropriations, Education, General Judiciary, Penitentiary.

Mr. Cann has been connected with the military forces of the State for eleven years. He served as captain of Company K, Second Georgia Regiment, during the Spanish-American was, and was also judge-advocate and provost marshal of the Fourth Army Corps. He is a major in the unifom rank Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of several other fraternal organizations. He is prominent in the social life of Savannah and is a member of all the social clubs of the city, besides being commodore of the Savannah Yacht Club.

HON. FONDREN MITCHELL.

FONDREN MITCHELL, Representative from Thomas county, is serving his third term in the House, and ever since his entrance in the body has been one of its foremost members. He was born in Thomasville, August 19, 1874. His father, Judge Robert G. Mitchell, has been for years one of the leading attorneys of that section, and at the last election was elected to succeed Judge A. H. Hansell on the bench of the Southern Circuit.

After completing his education Mr. Mitchell taught in the public schools of Thomas county for several years with marked success. Being desirous of entering the legal profession he attended the Law Department of the University of Georgia, from which he graduated in 1898. In

the same year he was elected to represent Thomas county in the House, and has been accorded a re-election twice. The only office held by Mr. Mitchell other than representative was the solicitorship of the county court of Thomas, to which he was appointed by Governor Atkinson. He is one of the leading young lawyers of that section of the State, and has established a good practice.

He is one of the most popular and influential members of the House, and came near being elected speaker at the opening of the session.

HON. G. H. CARSWELL.

GEORGE HENRY CARSWELL is one of the younger members of the lower House. He is serving his first term as member from Wilkinson County. Irwinton is his home. It is here that he was born on October 21, 1874, his parents being Mathew J. and Ellen Carswell. His father is now dead.

Mr. Carswell has been prominent in the politics of his county. When eighteen years of age, he edited in a fearless and able manner, "The Irwinton Bulletin." Since attaining his majority, he has held the position of chairman of the Democratic executive committee of his county, mayor of the city of Irwinton and judge of the county court. He resigned the judgeship this summer to accept the nomination for Representative, which came to him with the ease of his other honors.

He is a graduate of the law school at Mercer.

He will be heard on the floor in debates this session, and will no doubt sustain the reputation as orator which has followed him from his home town.

Mr. Carswell has recently become a benedict, having been married on November 26, to Miss Ethel Wood, of Irwinton. Mrs. Carswell is a daughter of Hon. J. S. Wood, a prominent physician of Irwinton.

Mr. Carswell is serving on the committees on General Judiciary, Georgia State Sanitarium, Penitentiary, Pensions, Privileges of the Floor.

HON. E. K. OVERSTREET.

EDWARD KINCHLEY OVERSTREET, representative from Screven county, is a member of one of the prominent families of that section of the State, and many of its members have held official positions in county and State. He was born at Blank Creek, in Screven county, March 18, 1873, and has spent his life in the county of his birth. Mr. Overstreet is married and has one child—E. K., Jr.

Mr. Overstreet has been engaged in the practice of law in Sylvania for several years and has taken rank as one of the leading attorneys of that section. He was appointed Judge of the County Court of Screven in 1896, and held the position for five years, making a splendid reputation by his work in that capacity. He also served two years as mayor of the town of Sylvania.

Mr. Overstreet is well fitted to take a prominent part in the deliberations of the House, and early in the session took rank as one of the most prominent of the new members. He takes great interest in legislative matters and is an earnest worker on both the floor of the House and in the committee room.

Mr. Overstreet has been appointed to service on the following important committees: Appropriations, Counties and County Matters, General Judiciary, Special Judiciary, Temperance, University of Georgia and its Branches.

HON. C. M. CANDLER.

CHARLES MURPHEY CANDLER, Representative from DeKalb County, was born at Decatur on March 17, 1858, and is the son of Hon. Milton A. Candler, who represented the Fifth district in the national House of Representatives. He is also the grandson of Charles Murphey, one of the distinguished statesmen of the ante-bellum period, he having represented his district in Congress several terms.

Mr. Candler graduated with the class of 1877 at the University of Georgia, and then took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar in

1879. He became a member of the firm of Candler, Thomson & Candler of Atlanta and continued in the practice of his profession until 1890, when he retired to take up active industrial work. He became associated with the Geo. W. Scott Manufacturing Co. as secretary and treasurer, and continued in that capacity several years, and is now secretary and treasurer of Geo. W. Scott Investment Company of Atlanta, owners of the Scottdale Mills; also, a director in and secretary and treasurer of the Century Building Co. of Atlanta, and of the Chestatee Pyrites Co. and of the N. P. Pratt Laboratory of Atlanta. Mr. Candler was married to Miss Mary S. Scott, of Decatur, and they have five children. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Candler's previous political career was as a member of the House in 1886 and 1887, and also for 1888-9, being chairman of the Committee on Education during his second term. During this session he is serving on various committees, among them being Journals, Public Property, Special Judiciary, University of Georgia and its Branches, and Ways and Means.

Mr. Candler is a cousin of ex-Governor Allen D. Candler and a nephew of Bishop Warren A. Candler and Justice John S. Candler. His father, Hon. M. A. Candler, was the eldest son of Hon. S. C. Candler, who was prominent in Georgia politics before the war.

HON. D. F. McCLATCHEY.

D. F. McCLATCHEY, JR., was born in Marietta, Cobb county, Georgia., November 26, 1876. He is the eldest son of D. F. McClatchey, a prominent merchant of Marietta, and the late Adelaide McClatchey. For several years he has been connected with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, being manager of several exchanges and many miles of long-distance lines for his company.

He has served as reading clerk of the House of Representatives of Georgia since 1898, and was recently chosen for the ensuing term of two years. In this line of work he has few equals in any of the States of the Union.

Although only 26 years of age, he is serving his second term as Grand

Herald of the Grand Lodge of Georgia I. O. O. F. He is perhaps the youngest grand officer in the history of Georgia Odd Fellowship.

He is a member of the Cobb county Democratic Executive Committee and secretary of the Board of Trade of Marietta. He is a prominent member of the Methodist church and a Master Mason.

Mr. McClatchey is extremely popular at home, as is demonstrated by the fact that he is frequently called upon to fill positions of honor and trust. As secretary of the Board of Trade of Marietta he is always looking to the upbuilding of his native town.

HON. T. R. PENN.

THOMAS R. PENN, Messenger of the House of Representatives, was born at Monticello, Jasper County, Georgia, fifty-eight years ago. He is the son of William C. and Salina Smith Penn. In early life Mr. Penn remained on his father's farm. In April, 1862, he entered the military service of the Confederacy as a private in the Glover Guards, Company G, 4th Georgia Regiment. Continuing in the infantry until February, 1864, he then volunteered in the navy to assist in the release of Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout. Immediately afterward he began privateering under Admiral Semmes. His first cruise was on the gunboat Tallahassee, afterwards known as the Olustee. He saw continuous service under Admiral Semmes until the general surrender of Confederate forces.

Mr. Penn married Miss Annie P. McNair and to them have been born six children, Maud C., Henry W., Howard M., Martha S., Fitzhugh Lee and Thos. R., Jr.

After the war Mr. Penn followed agricultural pursuits until 1869, when he was elected sheriff of Jasper County, in which capacity he served six years. After retiring from that office he again farmed until elected superintendent of the public roads of the county. He served as messenger of the last House and was re-elected to the same position at the opening of the presnt term. Mr. Penn is very popular among the members of the House and has many friends throughout the State.

THE JUDICIARY.

SUPREME COURT.

SINCE the creation of the Supreme Court of Georgia, in 1846, that august tribunal has been graced by some of the most distinguished judicial names in the South, and has taken a deservedly high stand among the courts of last resort in the country.

For more than a hundred years Georgia has been rich in judicial minds of a high order, her bench and bar justly ranking in fame and usefulness with the best which her sister States could boast.

From this array of legal luminaries has been marshalled the men whose lights have shone from the highest court in the State.

The Supreme Court was organized in 1846 with Joseph Henry Lumpkin, of Athens, as Chief Justice. This beloved, distinguished, gifted and most learned jurist presided until 1867, when he was succeeded by Hiram Warner, of Greenville, one of the strongest legal minds, and, perhaps, the most ruggedly austere Judge. Judge Warner, who literally battled his way up to the proudest judicial height in the State through iron fortune, was followed by Joseph E. Brown, O. A. Lochrane, James Jackson and Logan E. Bleckley, all of whom filled the lofty position with distinguished ability.

Among the men who won high reputation as associate justices may be mentioned Eugenius A. Nisbet, Ebenezer Starnes, Henry L. Benning, Linton Stephens, Charles A. McDonald, Charles J. Jenkins, Richard F. Lyon, Iverson L. Harris, Martin J. Crawford, Samuel Hall and others.

Thomas J. Simmons, the present able and learned Chief Justice, succeeded Logan E. Bleckley in 1894. A year or so thereafter the number of associate justices was increased from two to five. The present associate justices are: Samuel Lumpkin, Andrew J. Cobb, William A. Little, William H. Fish and John S. Candler; the latter having been elected in 1902 in place of Henry T. Lewis, resigned.

CHIEF JUSTICE T. J. SIMMONS.

IN THE FRONT RANK of the illustrious representative men of the State of Georgia of the past half century stands Thomas J. Simmons, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

On the field, in the political arena, in the forum, and on the bench, he has placed the impress of his lofty ability, his wisdom, his energy, and his patriotism high upon the annals of the commonwealth, and the record of his usefulness is part and parcel of the history of Georgia.

The great and abiding reputation which he has made was not built upon adventitious aid, nor was it the outgrowth of favoring fortune, or the gift of powerful patronage—but was carved out by native ability, splendid self-reliance, and the sheer force of character which laughs at obstacles, scorns dependence upon fickle chance, but with stern serenity and steady integrity works out its own high and honorable purposes.

The career of Thomas J. Simmons furnishes a fine illustration of that true saying of the world's greatest dramatist, "Tis in ourselves that we are thus, or thus." In his case with "lowliness for young ambition's ladder," he, by dint of honest effort and unflagging toil, did scale the topmost round.

Chief Justice Simmons was born in Crawford County, Georgia, June 25, 1837. His boyhood was passed upon a farm. He did not court the classic between college walls, but after receiving careful academic training applied himself to the study of the law. He was admitted to the bar in 1857, before he had attained his majority. Soon he took a high stand at the bar. He practiced law successfully until the outbreak of the great Civil War. At the first sound of the tocsin he enlisted as first lieutenant of the Crawford Grays, a company belonging to the famous Sixth Georgia Regiment. Later, for conspicuous gallantry as a soldier, he was promoted to the lieutenant-colonency of the Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, and was afterwards made the colonel of that command.

After the war closed he removed to Macon, Ga., and opened a law office, and soon became a leading figure in the political affairs of the State. He was a prominent member of the Constitutional Convention of 1865, a body before which came the vexed and momentous questions growing out of the disjointed times following upon the heels of the war. In 1866 he was chosen to represent the people as State Senator from the Twenty-second district. His valuable services were rewarded by re-election to the upper house of the General Assembly in 1871, and four years later, in 1875, he was called to the Presidency of the Senate.

He was elected a member of the great Constitutional Convention which assembled in Atlanta in 1877. He was a leading spirit of that remarkable body

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of Georgians whose proceedings marked a new era in the political history of the State. In recognition of his ability, wisdom and great public virtue, he was made chairman of the Finance Committee. His services in that most responsible and important position were many and valuable. But the salient feature of his work as a member of the convention was this: He was the author of the great measure to sift out the illegal bonds of the State, and by this work saved Georgia more than $8,000,000. Two years after the convention completed its labors, in 1879, he was elected Judge of the Superior Court of the Macon circuit. He served the State ably, impartially, faithfully, in that office eight years, and in 1887 was rewarded by election as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. For seven years he adorned that high position, fully sustaining his great reputation as a jurist. And in 1894 was conferred upon him the crowning honor of the bench in Georgia—the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of the State, a position which he has since most ably held. Judge Simmons married in 1857 Miss Pennie Hollis; in 1869 Mrs. Lucile Peek, and in 1889 Mrs. Renfroe.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SAMUEL LUMPKIN.

SAMUEL LUMPKIN, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, was born in Oglethorpe county, Georgia, December 12, 1848. His great grandfather, John Lumpkin, founded a family of great distinction. His sons were: Wilson Lumpkin, Governor of Georgia, and also United States Senator from that State; Joseph Henry Lumpkin, the first Chief Justice of Georgia, and Samuel Lumpkin, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

The father of Justice Lumpkin was Joseph Henry Lumpkin, Jr. He died at the age of 26, after he had attained high reputation as a lawyer. Young Samuel was left to the care of a noble, Christian mother, who was, before marriage, Sarah E. Johnson.

Justice Lumpkin was educated at the State University at Athens and Mercer College, Penfield, Ga., He graduated from the former in July, 1866, with first honor. After teaching school in Georgia in 1866, he taught school in Mississippi during 1867. In April, 1868, he was admitted to the bar at Lexington, Ga., and began the practice of law at Elberton, Ga., with Col. Robert Hester. Afterward he practiced with Col. C. T. Goode at Americus, Ga., during 1870-71. Returning to Lexington, his home, he was, in 1871, appointed Clerk of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly. In 1872 he

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was appointed Solicitor-General of the Northern circuit by Governor Smith. He was reappointed to this office in 1873. He served as postmaster at Lexington in 1877, and was elected State Senator the same year. In 1884 he was elected by the Legislature Judge of the Superior Courts of the Northern circuit. He was unanimously re-elected in 1888.

In 1890 he was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. He was re-elected at the end of his term without opposition. On January 1, 1897, he was made Presiding Justice of the Second Division of the Supreme Court, which position he still holds. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Judge Lumpkin by the Southwestern Baptist University of Jackson, Tenn., in 1891.

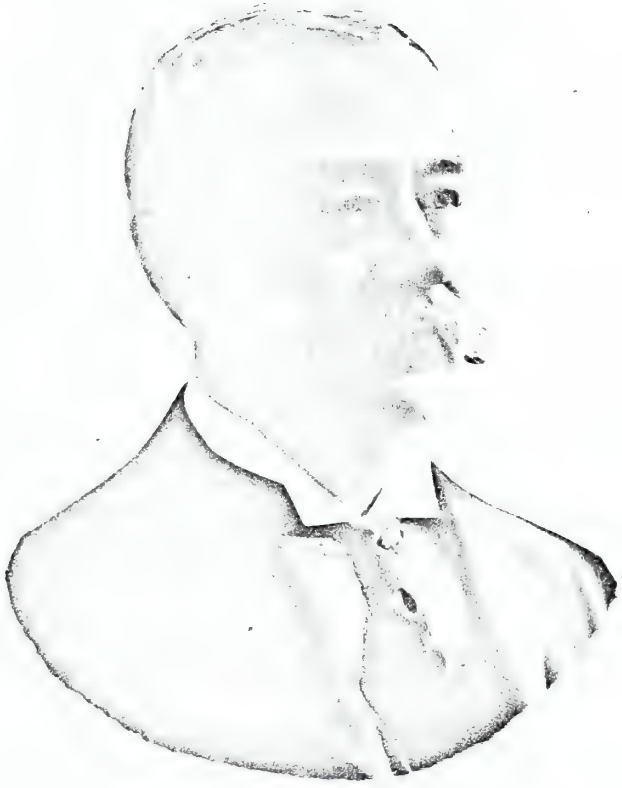
Judge Lumpkin is the second of his family to be honored with a seat upon the Supreme bench of Georgia. The family has been distinguished in the annals of Georgia as lawyers, jurists and statesmen.

Judge Lumpkin was an able legislator. While State Senator he was on the Judiciary Committee. He was chairman of the Railroad Committee also, and was largely instrumental in creating the Georgia Railroad Commission.

As prosecuting officer and Judge, he sustained the high reputation which he had won at the bar. He dispatched business rapidly, and presided wisely and impartially. Few of his judgments were reversed by the Supreme Court.

As Associate Justice in the highest tribunal in Georgia, he performs his duties with dignity and ability.

Judge Lumpkin was married October 17, 1878, at Lexington, Ga., to Miss Kate Richardson, daughter of Walker Richardson and grand-daughter of Col. A. M. Sanford, both of Alabama.



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WM. A. LITTLE.

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WILLIAM A. LITTLE, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, is one of the most distinguished men in the State. Since early manhood he has figured conspicuously in the military and civil history of Georgia. The people have repeatedly honored him with positions of high trust, and in not a single instance has he failed to meet the expectations of his hundreds of friends and admirers from the mountains to the sea. He is one of the ablest, most devoted, most useful men who have illustrated Georgia at the bar, in the forum, in the field, and in legislative halls.

Judge Little was born in the good old county of Talbot just sixty-three years ago, and it not too much to say that since young manhood every year of his active life has been fraught with valuable service to the State. He is the son of William G. Little and Martha A. Holt. On November 20, 1866, he led to the altar Miss Jennie Dozier, in Muscogee county, Georgia. Their only living child is the Hon. John D. Little, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives of Georgia, and one of the leading young public men of the State.

Judge Little is one of the best educated men in Georgia. He enjoyed exceptional advantages, which were properly improved, and the thoroughness of his early mental training has contributed to the facility, precision and power with which he has performed the manifold duties of various public offices.

He was educated at a private school in Macon, Ga., the State University, Oglethorpe University, and Yale College, where he graduated in the law department.

He entered the Confederate service in 1861 and served in the army until April, 1865. He filled the grades of private, sergeant-major, lieutenant, adjutant and captain.

Returning home after the war, he entered upon the practice of law in Talbot county. In 1866 he was elected Solicitor of the County Court of Talbot county. He was appointed Solicitor-General of the Chattahoochee circuit by Governor Milton Smith in 1873. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1877, having been elected from the district composed of the counties of Muscogee, Marion and Chattahoochee. He took a prominent part in the deliberations of that body.

He was elected to the Legislature from Muscogee county in 1882 and served through 1888. In 1884 he was made Speaker of the House of Representatives

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of Georgia, and filled that position with distinguished ability through 1885-6-7. He was appointed Attorney-General of Georgia in 1892, and rendered the State excellent service in that position. In 1896 President Cleveland appointed him Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, in the Department of the Interior, to fill a vacancy.

He was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia in 1896 for a term of four years, under the amendment to the Constitution which provided for additional Judges. And in October, 1900, he was re-elected for the term to expire January 1, 1907.

Judge Little is an ornament to the bench of the highest court in the Empire State of the South.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE A. J. COBB.

ANDREW JACKSON COBB, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, was born at Athens, Ga., April 12, 1857. He is the son of the late Howell Cobb and Mary Ann Lamar. He was married to Miss Stark Campbell at Griffin, Ga., March 3, 1880. The union was blessed with five children, namely: Jesse C. Cobb, Andrew J. Cobb, Jr., Sarah T. Cobb, Stark C. Cobb, and Howell Cobb. The wife of Judge Cobb died February 26, 1901.

Judge Cobb's father was one of the great men, not only of Georgia, but of the country. Indeed, no son of Georgia has ever won a wider fame. He filled a number of offices of trust and honor, and filled them all with marked distinction. He was a lawyer of great ability. He was in early manhood Solicitor-General. Later he became a member of the United States Congress and was made Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was afterward Governor of Georgia. He was a member of the Cabinet of President Buchanan, having been appointed Secretary of the Treasury by that distinguished statesman a short time before the Civil War. He was elected President of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States, which held its sittings at Montgomery, Ala., early in the war. He was afterward a Major-General in the Confederate army and distinguished himself on the field.

The mother of Judge Cobb was a daughter of Colonel Zachariah Lamar of Milledgeville, who was the uncle of Mirabeau B. Lamar and L. Q. C. Lamar, both of whom won the highest distinction, the former having been one of the great figures in the Southwest during the trouble of this country with Mexico, and filling the position of President of Texas before her annexation to the

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Union; the latter winning a great career as United States Senator from Mississippi, Cabinet officer under Grover Cleveland, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Cobb has shown himself entirely worthy of his illustrious ancestry. He is in truth "a chip of the old block," and, although yet a young man, has worthily won and modestly worn many honors.

When a very young man he entered the University of Georgia, and his course at that institution, where he was a shining light, marked him for future distinction. He graduated in 1876 with the degree of A. B., and in 1877 completed the law course, taking the degree of B. L. He was a leading member of the Phi Kappa Literary Society and ranked high as a debater. He was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. There was no better beloved undergraduate or more duteous and conscientious student at the University than Andrew J. Cobb.

Upon leaving college he entered on the practice of law at Athens, and for years pursued his profession with honorable success. In recognition of his conspicuous worth and fine ability he was made a member of the Board of Education of Athens. He served with rare wisdom from 1886 to 1890. He was President of the Board one year. He filled the position of City Attorney of Athens from 1887 to 1891 with exceptional ability. He was Professor of Law at the University of Georgia from 1884 until 1893, and discharged his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner. In 1893 he became Dean of the Atlanta Law School, which position he filled with distinguished credit. He served as Trustee of the University of Georgia during the years 1891-1893 inclusive.

Under the Constitutional amendment which was adopted by the people in 1896, increasing the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of the State to six, the Hon. Mr. Cobb was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He was re-elected in 1902. His long and thorough legal training peculiarly fits him for the discharge of the duties of the high office which he adorns.

He is a man of great application, lofty character, and eminent judicial force.

He enjoys the unique distinction of being the author of the famous Athens dispensary law, which was adopted in 1891. That law has proven a success and a blessing to the community for which it was framed.

The Athens dispensary is not only the first lawfully established dispensary in Georgia, but the first in this country.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JOHN S. CANDLER.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE W. H. FISH.

WILLIAM HANSELL FISH, Associate-Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, was born in Macon County, Georgia, May 12, 1849. His parents were Judge George W. Fish and Martha E. Hansell, a union of two well-known and influential families.

Judge Fish graduated at the State University in 1869. He studied law at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in 1871 at Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He was appointed Judge of the County Court of Macon in January, 1877, and continued in that office until September, 1891, when he was elected Judge of the Southwestern Circuit.

He was elected three times to the position withot opposition.

He was elected Associate-Justice of the Supreme Court in 1896 and drew the short term. He was re-elected to the full term in 1898, which position he now occupies. He is a man of fine culture and is gifted with the faculty of nice distinction and subtle discrimination of a true lawyer.

Justice Fish married Mary P. Hines, of Sandersville, Georgia. The union was blessed with an only daughter, Nina, now Mrs. Henry S. McClesky. In addition to the important positions he has creditably filled, he was, in 1893, elected trustee of the State University. He has also been a trustee of Wesleyan Female College at Macon for many years.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE J. S. CANDLER.

JUSTICE JOHN SLAUGHTER CANDLER, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, was born in Villa Rica, Carroll County, Georgia, October 22, 1861. He is the youngest member of a family which has contributed several distinguished citizens who have taken prominent parts in the political and religious history of the State during recent years. The parents of Justice Candler were Samuel Charles and Martha Bealle Candler; on both sides his ancestors have been distinguished in the civil and military history of the South since Revolutionary times.

Among his paternal ancestors who won distinction were William Candler, who was Colonel of Georgia troops in the Revolution, and Samuel Slaughter, a Captain of Virginia troops at the same time. His maternal great grandfather was General William Bealle, of Maryland, a distinguished military figure of the Revolution; his great uncle, John Bealle, was a distinguished figure in the struggle for Texan liberty, and perished with Fannin at the Alamo; another great uncle was John W. Hooper, who was a Judge of Superior Courts in this State. The immediate family has been no less noteworthy in contemporary times. His eldest brother, Milton A. Candler, served as a representative in Congress and is a leading attorney in Atlanta; Asa G. Candler is a wealthy manufacturer of the same city, and another brother, Bishop Warren A. Candler, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been for several years one of the leading ministers of that denomination, having filled some of its most important pulpits, serving with wonderful success as President of Emory College, and finally being elected to the College of Bishops, where, although he is the youngest among several distinguished ecclesiastics, still he is considered one of the most forceful and notable members.

Justice Candler was married at Jacksonville, Fla., January 16, 1884, to Miss Lula Garnier, and they have two children—Asa Warren, aged 17, and Allie Garnier, aged nine.

The public career of Justice Candler has been especially noteworthy. He was appointed by Governor Gordon Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit in November, 1887; was elected to the Legislature in 1888 for a term of four years, and again for a similar term in 1892. Upon the death of Judge Richard H. Clark, of that circuit, he was appointed by Governor Atkinson to fill the unexpired term in February, 1896; he was elected for the full term in 1898 by the Legislature and re-elected by the people in 1900.

Justice Candler has also had a notable military career, having served as Lieutenant-Colonel on the staff of Governor Stephens; as Judge Advocate General on the staffs of Governors McDaniel, Gordon and Atkinson. He has served as Colonel of the Fifth Infantry, G. S. T., and was Colonel of the Third Georgia Regiment during the Spanish-American war in 1898.

Upon resignation of Justice H. T. Lewis, Justice Candler was elected to his present position at the last general election, October 1, 1902. The new Justice has had a splendid career as an attorney and jurist, and his native ability and splendid knolwedge of the law will make him an exceedingly valuable member of the Supreme Court.

SUPERIOR COURTS.

JUDGE J. H. LUMPKIN.

JOSEPH HENRY LUMPKIN of the Superior Court of the Atlanta circuit comes from a family distinguished for legal ability, judicial eminence, scholarly attainment and statesmanship. He is the grandson and namesake of the late Hon. Joseph Henry Lumpkin, the first Chief Justice of the State of Georgia. His record at the State University, at the bar and on the bench has demonstrated his entire worthiness of the honor which he has won, and of the illustrious name which he bears.

Judge Lumpkin is unmarried, but he is still a young man, and, although wedded to the law, his scores of admirers throughout the State have not despaired of his one day becoming a Benedict. He is a man of indefatigable application, and it is probable that absolute devotion to the onerous duties of a most exacting profession has robbed him of the time necessary to becoming the party to a contract the most solemn and momentous known to this sphere.

After graduating at the University of Georgia, where he was noted, alike, for his genial wit, his fine social qualities and his close application to the classics, he was called to the bar and threw out his shingle in Atlanta. It was not long before he won recognition by his alertness, depth and thoroughness as a lawyer. He showed that he was not only master of the principles of the law but clearly understood how to apply them. His firm grasp of these principles and precision and impressiveness in presenting them marked him in early young manhood as a winner of lofty honors in the profession.

In 1877 he was appointed assistant reporter of the Supreme Court of the State, and upon resignation of the late Hon. Henry Jackson he was appointed, January 14, 1892, reporter of the Supreme Court. Six years later,

on April 30, 1888, Mr. Lumpkin resigned the reportership and returned to the active practice of his profession.

On the resignation of the late Hon. Marshall J. Clarke from the position of Judge of the Superior Court of the Atlanta circuit, Judge Lumpkin, in September, 1893, was appointed to fill the vacancy. When the Legislature assembled he was elected to fill the unexpired term; and in 1896 he was chosen by the Legislature for the full term of four years.

In 1900 the mode of selecting Judges of the Superior Courts in Georgia having been changed, he was elected by the people for a term of four years from January 1, 1901.

Judge Lumpkin has made a remarkable judicial record, and it is only necessary to point to his able, impartial and distinguished career on the bench as a guarantee of the success which is in store for him when he shall be called, as it seems certain he will be called, to yet loftier honors on the bench.

The success of Judge Lumpkin in his well chosen life-work is to be ascribed, first, to the fact that he is a born lawyer, and, second, to the further fact that he has left nothing undone in the way of thorough legal training and general education which would tend to equip him for the highest honors in a most honorable profession.

JUDGE POPE BARROW.

THE HON. POPE BARROW, Judge of the Superior Court of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, has had a very distinguished career. He was born on the home place plantation, Oglethorpe County, August 1, 1839. He is the son of David Crenshaw Barrow and Sarah Pope Barrow. He was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Church Craig, a daughter of Lieutnant-Colonel Craig, of the old United States Army who was killed just at the close of the Mexican War. His second wife was Cornelia Augusta Jackson, a daughter of General Henry R. Jackson, of Savannah. The children are Middleton Pope, Elizabeth Church, James, David Crenshaw, Craig, Lucy Hopson Lumpkin, Patience Crenshaw and Sarah Pope.

Judge Barrow was educated at the University of Georgia, and, after graduating, devoted himself to the study of the law. Within a few years he won high position at the bar.

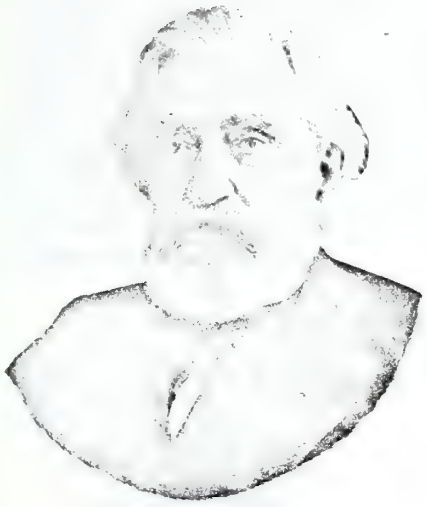
He came prominently before the public as a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention of 1877, in which body he was a representative man. He served in 1880-1 in the Legislature, making an honorable and useful member of the House. On the death of the great Benjamin H. Hill he was chosen to fill his unexpired term in the United States Senate, 1882-3. He sustained himself admirably in that high body. After his service in the United States Senate he returned to the practice of his profession, which he pursued for many years with marked success. On the death of Judge Robert Falligant, Governor Candler, January 6, 1902, appointed Mr. Barrow Judge of the Superior Court of the Eastern circuit to fill his unexpired term. On October 1, 1902, he was elected by the people for the full term of four years. Judge Barrow has always been a rock-ribbed Democrat, and has ever been a zealous worker in the interest of the party. He was the chairman of the Georgia delegation to the National Democratic Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland at St. Louis in 1888. He was made President of the Georgia State Democratic Convention in 1892.

Judge Barrow served with faithfulness and distinction in the Confederate army. His first service began in April, 1861, as Lieutenant of artillery in the famous Troup Artillery. He was afterwards appointed Captain and Aide on the staff of Major-General Howell Cobb, in which capacity he served until taken prisoner near the close of the war.

Judge Barrow came of distinguished lineage. His great-great-grandfather, Thomas Barrow, was born in England and emigrated to Virginia some time between 1680 and 1700, before he was 21 years of age. His great-grandfather was also Thomas Barrow. His grandfather, James Barrow, was a soldier in the Continental Army during the war of the Revolution. He was at Valley Forge throughout the famous winter and took part in many notable battles. After the war he removed to Georgia and settled first in Burke county and then in Baldwin county, near the ground upon which Milledgeville now stands. There he passed his remaining days. The place where he lived and died belongs to his grandson, the subject of this sketch.

Judge Barrow's mother, Sarah Eliza Pope, was the only child of Middleton Pope and his wife, Lucy Hopson Lumpkin. She was the daughter of Governor Wilson Lumpkin, of this State, who was Mr. Barrow's great grandfather on his mother's side.

JUDGE A. H. HANSELL.



WHEN JUDGE AUGUSTIN H. HANSELL retires from the Superior Court bench of the southern circuit of Georgia in January next, a most remarkable career—one unparalleled, perhaps, in this or any other State—will have closed. Born in Milledgeville August 26, 1817, at the early age of eighteen he served in the Creek war of 1836 as a member of a cavalry company from Baldwin county.

At its session in 1836 the Legislature authorized Governor Gilmer to employ a Military Secretary for one year, and he was appointed by the Governor to that position, and while in office compiled the large registry book of muster and pay rolls of the Georgia troops in the Creek and Seminole Indian Wars, one copy of which was sent to the War Department at Washington, and was the evidence upon which the State based and received money paid out in those wars, while the other copy was retained in the Executive Department at home.

At the expiration of his term of office, he was appointed by Governor Gilmer as Auditor for the State, and associated with Col. W. S. Rockwell as his colleague, they heard and reported upon all claims for lost and damaged property by means of these wars.

He then studied law at Milledgeville, partly under the supervision of his father, Major William Y. Hansell, and partly under his uncle, Judge Iverson L. Harris, and was admitted to the bar at Macon in May, 1839, under Hon. Angus M. D. King, Judge of the Flint circuit, after examination conducted by a committee consisting of Messrs. E. D. Tracy, Washington Poe, Henry G Lamar, Absalom H. Chappell and James H. Stark, then Solicitor-General.

In 1845 he represented Pulaski county in the General Assembly and in 1847 was elected Solicitor-General of the Southern circuit, in which capacity he ably served until 1849, when he resigned in order to accept the Judgeship of his circuit The men selected to fill the Circuit Court bench of Georgia along with Judge Hansell were such men as Alfred Iverson, J. H. Lumpkin, Henry R. Jackson, James Jackson, Ebenezer Starnes, Eli H. Baxter, James H.

Starke and H. V. Johnson, of whom the historian wrote: "There has perhaps never been a more brilliant array of Judges in the history of the State." Judge Hansell resigned in 1852 only to be re-elected again in 1858, and served continuously until Governor Bullock declared his office vacant in 1868 and placed in his stead Judge J. R. Alexander. Judge Hansell was again elected in 1873, and has never had opposition since that time.

He was a member of the secession convention characterized by Mr. Avery in his history of Georgia as "the ablest body of men ever convened in Georgia," and took a prominent part in that epoch-making convention. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1877 and had opportunity given him to employ his undoubted talents and marked legal ability in shaping our present constitution.

JUDGE B. D. EVANS.

BEVERLY DANIEL EVANS, the Judge of the Superior Courts of the Middle circuit, was born at Sandersville, Washington county, Georgia, May 31, 1865. He is the son of Beverly D. Evans and Sallie Smith Evans.

Judge Evans has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Bessie Warthen, his second wife being Miss E. Virginia Irwin. The children are four in number, namely: T. Warthen Evans, Julian R. Evans, Beverly D. Evans and George R.

Judge Evans, after careful preparation, matriculated at Mercer University, where, after a most creditable course, he graduated in 1881. He studied law at Yale College during the years 1883-4, and, returning to Georgia, was admitted to the bar and en-

From the first he showed exceptional ability as a young lawyer, and in a short time his energy and success in his profession gave him considerable prominence in his section. In recognition of his growing reputation, he was elected to the Legislature and served his people ably and faithfully during the term covering 1886-7.

In 1888 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency at St. Louis. He was made Solicitor-General of the Middle circuit in 1891, having been appointed first to fill the unexpired term of Hon. O. H. Rogers. He was elected for the full term in 1892. In all, he served six years in this important position, discharging his duties with conspicuous energy, ability and fidelity.

In 1898 he was called up higher, having been elected Judge of the Superior Courts of the Middle circuit. He made such an excellent judicial officer that in October, 1902, he was re-elected for the full term of four years. He was chosen Judge both times without opposition. Indeed he was elected to all of the above-mentioned offices without opposition.

JUDGE G. F. GOBER.

GEORGE F. GOBER, Judge of the Superior Court of the Blue Ridge Circuit, is one of the most successful men in the State. Beginning life a poor boy, he has carved a remarkable career which embodies a lesson for the ambitious young men of the day, without any capital except brains, industry and purpose.

After careful preparation, Judge Gober entered the University of Georgia. There he was a very hard student and took a very high stand, and was from early young manhood a sound thinker and close reasoner.

Graduating in 1875, he accepted the principalship of the Marietta Male Academy, which he filled with great success for eight months. He studied law under the direction of the late General A. R. Lawton in Savannah and was admitted to the bar in that city after a most creditable examination. Returning to Marietta in the latter part of 1877, he entered upon the practice of his profession. During the same year he was elected County School Commissioner of Cobb county. He made steady progress at the bar and was soon

In November, 1880, he was elected Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit for four years from January 1, 1881. He resigned the County School

Commissionership to accept the office. In 1884 he was a candidate before the Legislature and was re-elected Solicitor-General by an overwhelming majority. Having held the office for eight years, at the expiration of his last term he was not a candidate for re-election.

In 1889 he was elected Judge of the Superior Courts of the Blue Ridge circuit without opposition. He was re-elected without opposition in 1892, and in 1896. When the election came before the people in 1900 he was elected overwhelmingly, receiving the largest majority in the primary.

Judge Gober made the fight for public schools in Marietta. He was successful. He was chosen President of the Board of Education of that city and filled the position ably for twelve years. He resigned in August, 1902. He is one of the four trustees for the State at large of the University.

Judge Gober married Miss Alice Blackwell of Marietta. They have three children—George F. Gober, who graduated at the State University in 1902 at the age of nineteen; the second, a daughter, who is in the senior class at Agnes Scott Institute; and the youngest child, a pupil in the public schools of Marietta.

JUDGE W. M. HENRY.

WILLIAM MADISON HENRY, the Judge of the Superior Courts of the Rome circuit, although, comparatively speaking, still a young man, has won high distinction in the State. He is a native of Georgia, having first seen the light near the town of LaFayette, in Walker county, on February 10, 1853. He is the son of the late William Warren Henry and Mary H. Henry, nee Cleghorn, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish lineage. Like many of Georgia's eminent men, Judge Henry's boyhood was passed on his father's farm. His earliest training was received at country schools, and in early manhood his time was divided between attending school and "teaching the young idea how to shoot." This profitable mental training was kept up

until October, 1874. At that time he entered the junior class at the University of Georgia. He was a close student and took an excellent stand in his class. He graduated in 1876.

Judge Henry studied law in the office of Judson C. Clements, who was then a barrister unknown to fame in the town of Lafayette, but who, afterward, won his spurs in the political arena by defeating William H. Felton for Congress in the old Seventh district, and while serving in Congress was made Inter-state Commerce Commissioner by President Cleveland. Judge Henry came to the bar in 1877, standing a very fine examination before the distinguished Judge J. W. H. Underwood, at that time presiding in Walker Superior Court. A year later he made his home in Summerville, Chattooga county, where, within a few years, he built up a lucrative practice. In 1894 he removed to Rome, where he has since resided.

But before leaving Chattooga county Judge Henry was the recipient of several honors at the hands of the people, who had recognized his unusual ability and watched his growth as a public man. He served successively as Mayor of Summerville, County School Commissioner of Chattooga, and Representative from that county in the Legislature.

Governor Northen, in 1892, appointed him Judge of the Superior Courts of the Rome circuit to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. John W. Maddox, who had resigned to accept the Democratic nomination for Congressman from the Seventh district. Later, during the same year, the General Assembly elected him to the same position.

At the end of his term in 1894 he left the bench, and, having formed a partnership with the Hon. Seaborn Wright, practiced law during 1895.

When, in January, 1896, Judge W. T. Turnbull, who had succeeded him on the bench, resigned, Governor Atkinson appointed Judge Henry to the vacancy. He was elected by the Legislature, which met later in the year, for the balance of the term, which ended with the year 1898. In that year he was elected by the General Assembly for the full term of four years. And, in 1902, this year, he was nominated by the people of his circuit without opposition and elected at the general State election for the full term, beginning January, 1903.

On November 3, 1881, he was married in Chattooga county to Miss Dora Rudicil, the daughter of Dr. R. Y. Rudicil, a leading physician of that county and a popular citizen, who has several times represented the county in the Legislature. Mrs. Eliza A. Rudicil, her mother, was the daughter of Capt. Samuel Knox. The union was blessed with six children, five of whom are living. They are: Wm. Rudicil, Charles Robert, Clara, Roy Oscar, and Evelyn.

JUDGE C. G. JANES.

ACCORDING to holy writ, "a good name is better than great riches." Of this Judge Charles G. Janes has every reason to be proud, for, to judge him by that rule, no man in the community in which he lives stands higher in the estimation of the public.

Charles G. Janes was born near Cedartown, Ga., in 1852, and is the son of Hon. and Mrs. W. F. Janes. He comes from one of the most prominent ante-bellum families of the old Southern regime. He was afforded the finest educational advantages, which he profited by liberally, having gone first to the University of Georgia, where he graduated and later was trained in the principles and practice of the legal profession at the University of Virginia.

With this admirable equipment he confronted the serious problems involving success or failure in the various aspirations that go to make up a life, and up to this time success has crowned every effort. In 1876 he was appointed Judge of the County Court of Polk county by Governor James M. Smith, after which he served two terms in the State Legislature, 1881 and 1884.

He was elected Solicitor-General of the Rome circuit in 1888, in which capacity he served with signal ability and fidelity, and on the creation of the Tallapoosa circuit in 1890 his faithfulness and efficiency were rewarded by his elevation to the bench of the new circuit. He is now completing his third term as Judge of the Superior Courts of the Tallapoosa circuit.

Judge Janes was united in marriage in 1886 with Miss Anna, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Harris. Two children have been born of this union, both dying in early childhood. A warm friend and ardent admirer of his, Editor E. B. Russell, of the Cedartown Standard, writing of him, says: "Judge Janes is broad-minded and level-headed, and a highly useful citizen in both public and private life." This is a warm endorsement of his course, coming, as it does, from the editor of his home paper. It shows the effect of a well spent life in one of the most flourishing and progressive communities in the State.

JUDGE T. A. PARKER.

THOMAS AUGUSTUS PARKER, Judge-elect of the Brunswick circuit, was born in Liberty county, Georgia, April 3, 1859. He is the son of Hampton C. and Catharine Parker. His father was for many years a leading citizen of Liberty, and filled various important official positions.

Judge Parker has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary V. Sellers of Appling county. To them were born ten children, nine of whom are living. Their names are Allie, J. Hampton, David M., T. Augustus, Ruth, Mina, William C., Sellers and Jane. Mrs. Parker died in April, 1899. Judge Parker was married the second time in April, 1901, to Miss Alice L. Chapman, of Liberty county, and one child has been born to them, Francis Morrison.

After teaching for several years in the schools of Appling, Judge Parker was admitted to the bar in March, 1886. He soon established a reputation as an able attorney and built up a good practice. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court in October, 1895.

Judge Parker has had considerable experience on the bench. In December, 1893, he was appointed Judge of the County Court of Appling by Governor Northen. Four years later Governor Atkinson appointed him Judge of the City Court of Baxley for a term of four years. In this capacity he established a splendid reputation as a jurist. He was frequently called upon to preside over the city courts in larger towns, which he did with dignity and ability. He soon came to be considered one of the most capable Judges of City Courts in the State.

A prominent member of the Baptist church, Judge Parker has always taken great interest in religious work. He has been clerk of the Baptist church in Baxley for eighteen years. At the last session of the Consolation Association he was chosen Moderator. When the Georgia Baptist Convention met in Griffin several years ago Judge Parker was elected to a vice-presidency.

Judge Parker has always been a staunch Democrat, but never an habitual politician. After an interesting race he was elected to the Judgeship of the Brunswick circuit by a majority of two thousand. His splendid capabilities

and accurate knowledge of the law will enable him to fill the position acceptably, and he will prove a worthy successor to the long line of distinguished predecessors.

Judge Parker will assume the duties of his office in January. His residence is at Baxley.

JUDGE D. M. ROBERTS.

DAVID MONTGOMERY ROBERTS, Judge of the Oconee Circuit, is one of the distinguished men of South Georgia. He was born on Rocky Creek, in the county of Laurens, on the fifteenth of June, 1837. His parents were Daniel and Elizabeth Roberts. The maiden name of his wife was Miss Ursula Edwards. His children are James Henry, Frederick Augustus, and Paul Montomery Roberts.

Daniel Roberts, the father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the solid farmers of Laurens. Judge Roberts passed his boyhood on a farm. His rudimentary education was obtained at the country schools of the time. Later he enjoyed the advantage of mental training under Prof. Niles in the schools of Dublin.

Judge Roberts came of good old Welch-Irish ancestry. On his father's side his ancestry came originally from Wales, and his mother's ancestors came from Ireland. His Grandfather Roberts was a brave soldier in the war of the Revolution. In one of the battles of that stormy period he lost a leg. He was among the first settlers of Dublin, Laurens county. The maiden name of the mother of Judge Roberts was Elizabeth Carey, the maiden name of her mother being Montgomery. Both of her ancestors were Irish. Judge Roberts read law in the town of Dublin in the office of the Hon. Hugh M. Moore. He was admitted to the bar in 1859 at an adjourned term of the Superior Court of Laurens, Judge Peter E. Love presiding. He began the practice in Telfair county and soon developed into an excellent lawyer. He pursued his profession in Telfair until January, 1861, when he returned to Dublin.

When the tocsin of war sounded Judge Roberts was found in the ranks of the first soldiers who offered their services to their country from the county of Laurens. He was assigned to the Tenth Georgia Regiment, Company G. The first Colonel of this grand old regiment was LaFayette McLaws, who afterwards became a General of renown. During the first year of the war he served in the Army of Virginia. Having contracted a severe attack of rheumatism, he was discharged and returned home, where he remained two months. He then went West and cast his fortunes with the cavalry service.

He has won noteworthy honor in civil life. In 1882 his fellow-citizens elected him to the mayoralty of Eastman, and in 1886 he was chosen State Senator from the Fourteenth district, serving his people most acceptably in the General Assembly. He was honored with election as delegate to the National Democratic Convention which in 1880 nominated Winfield Scott Hancock for the Presidency. Later he was made a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee during the chairmanship of J. H. Estill.

He became Judge of the Superior Court of the Oconee Circuit in 1889, his term expiring in 1893. He was again chosen to fill this high position in 1901.

JUDGE A. L. BARTLETT.

A. L. BARTLETT, Judge-elect of the Tallapoosa judicial circuit, is preeminently a self-made man. He has won his way to high position by indomitable pluck, the exercise of an iron will, and straightforward, honest methods. No man in Georgia more richly deserves success than Judge Bartlett, for no man ever worked more honorably and untiringly for it.

Judge Bartlett came of strong, self-reliant and noted ancestry. His paternal ancestors were descendants of Josiah Bartlett, of the State of Pennsylvania. His maternal ancestors were of Irish descent. Nathan Bartlett, the father of Judge Bartlett, was born in the State of Virginia. He came to Georgia in 1827 and located in Jones county. In 1830 he married

Miss Anna O. Haygood, a daughter of John Haygood, of then Clark, now Oconee, county. John Haygood was a well known Baptist minister.

In 1839 Nathan Barlett removed to then Cobb, now Paulding county, and engaged in farming.

Judge Bartlett was born on his father's farm in that county in 1851. He was the youngest of nine children, seven girls and two boys. All of his sisters have passed away.

The greater part of his father's property was swept away by the Civil War. At the tender age of 14, Judge Bartlett was thrown upon his own resources. He proved himself equal to the situation. Practically deprived of educational advantages during the stormy period from 1861 to 1865, he began the struggle of life without a dollar. He went to work, and, as opportunity offered, obtained the best schooling possible, defraying all his expenses. In 1868 he went into business at Brownsville, Ga. His capital was only $135.85, but his stock of energy was heavy. He continued the struggle bravely, devoting all available time to his books until 1876, when he took up the study of law.

In 1877 he was admitted to the bar. About this time he was married to Miss Permelia Watson of Brownsville.

He opened an office in that village and carried on his law practice and commercial work in conjunction. He made a success of both.

In 1892 Judge Bartlett was called on by the Democracy of Paulding to make the race for the Legislature. The odds were against him, the county being Populist. After a fierce fight he was defeated, but by a very small margin. His opponent received 921 votes to his 914.

In 1896, four years later, he was again nominated by the Democrats of the county for Representative in the Legislature. This time, after a very heated contest, he was elected by a good majority.

He received, and deserved, the credit of redeeming Paulding county from Populistic rule and placing her safely in the Democratic column.

In 1902, in the face of strong opposition, he made a fine race for the Judgeship of the Tallapoosa circuit. He was nominated at the June primary, overwhelmingly carrying every county in the circuit except that of his opponent. On October 1st, at the general election, he received the largest vote cast for a circuit judge in Georgia. His term as Superior Court Judge will begin January 1, 1903, and expire December 31, 1906. He is well qualified for the place.

Judge Bartlett became a Mason in 1873. He has traveled all the roads in Masonry to the Pilgrimage of the Desert, and crossed the hot sands. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, held in October, 1902, he was elected a trustee for the Masonic Home to be erected at Macon, Ga.

JUDGE H. M. HOLDEN.

HORACE M. HOLDEN, of the Superior Courts of the Northern circuit, was nominated for that position in the Democratic primary on May 15, 1900, and elected by the people in the State October election of 1900. Perhaps no candidate ever received stronger or more deserved endorsements for a place on the bench of Georgia. He was unanimously endorsed by the grand jury and officers of the County Court of Taliaferro, the bar of Crawfordville, the mayor and town council of Crawfordville, and by resolution of the Democratic Executive Committee of Taliaferro county. That committee declared: "He is eminently fitted for this position in character and legal qualifications and attainments. * * * We unanimously commend him to the Northern circuit as a lawyer who, if chosen, will make an efficient, faithful, able and impartial officer."

He received, in addition, many endorsements from the press and other sources outside of Taliaferro county.

The record of Judge Holden since taking his seat upon the bench shows that he richly merited all of the good things that were said about him in advance.

Judge Holden was born March 5, 1866, in Warren county. He is the son of William F. Holden and Nancy Holden, nee Nancy Moore. He married on June 1, 1893, Miss Mary E. Corry, a great niece of Alexander H. Stephens. To them have been born four children, namely: Frank, Howard Lewis, Mary Stephens and Queen Holden.

He graduated at the State University in 1885. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar at Crawfordville. He is the youngest Superior Court Judge in Georgia. In May, 1893, he had the honor of acting as master of ceremonies at the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of Alexander H. Stephens in front of Liberty Hall, the home of the great statesman.

Judge Holden has always been a staunch Democrat. In 1894 he was nominated for the Legislature from Taliaferro county, but was defeated by the

Populist candidate. In 1896 he was a member of the State Democratic Campaign Committee. In 1898 he was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Taliaferro county. And in 1900 he was made Judge of the Superior Courts of the Northern circuit.

In addition to all these honors, he has been a delegate to almost all of the important Democratic conventions held in Georgia since he became of age.

Judge Holden has won his way to eminence in a comparatively short period of time. He graduated before attaining the age of 19. He was admitted to the bar at 19. He began the practice of law at 20. His rise at the bar was swift but solid. After practicing law fourteen years, he was called to the Superior Court bench at the age of 34, his learning and ability eminently fitting him for the discharge of the duties of that high position.

JUDGE P. E. SEABROOK.

PAUL E. SEABROOK, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Atlantic judicial circuit, is a native of South Carolina. He first saw the light in Beaufort county, October 3, 1864.

Judge Seabrook removed to Georgia when only 16 years of age. He settled in Savannah, and later applied himself to the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1886, and soon after that he removed to the Northwest and practiced for a number of years in the cities of Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In the year 1891 he returned to Georgia. He made his home in Pineora, Effingham county, and resumed the practice of his profession in Savannah. He was the senior member of the firm of Seabrook & Morgan until his elevation to the bench. Judge Seabrook represents the younger element in the politics of Georgia, but he has shown himself a very able representative. He was elected to his present high office at the age of 33 by the Legislature of 1898, over powerful opposition, and was re-elected by the people October 1, 1902, for the full term of four years. Judge Seabrook is a strong man, as his record amply shows. By his careful legal training and long practice at

the bar he was admirably fitted for the bench which, by reason of his ability, learning and impartiality, he adorns. He, deservedly, enjoys the confidence and esteem of his constituency.

JUDGE Z. A. LITTLEJOHN.

ZERA A. LITTLEJOHN is a native of Georgia, and although he has won considerable distinction as a public man, has never sought or held but one office, the judgship of the Superior Court of the Southwestern Circuit.

He was born in Culloden, Monroe county, Georgia, a town famous as the birth-place of a number of men who carved out distinguished careers. Among them may be mentioned the late Nathaniel J. Hammond, one of Georgia's greatest lawyers, for a long time Attorney-General of the State, a leading member of the Constitutional Convention of 1877, and Congressman for several terms from the Fifth District.

Judge Littlejohn is the son of the Rev. J. R. Littlejohn and Weston Middlebrooks, his parents being blessed with strong minds and exalted characters and noted for the noble tenor of their lovely and useful lives.

Judge Litlejohn married Miss Minnie H. Shipp, the happy union being blessed with five children, namely: Max, Clotelde, Mary, Zera A. and Wilmot Littlejohn.

Judge Littlejohn, after practicing law successfully for many years, was, in 1896, elected Judge of the Superior Courts of the Southwestern circuit. He discharged the duties of his lofty trust so ably and faithfully that he was re-elected in 1900 for another full term of four years.

Wedded to his profession, in which he has won signal honor, he has always eschewed active political life. He is descended from an unbroken line of ministers reaching back four generations, and has a brother who is a minister. His record, both private and public, illustrates the fact that he is just, able, learned, pious, a man whose unblemished life and lofty character furnish a fine example for the rising generation.

JUDGE R. G. MITCHELL.

ROBERT GOODWIN MITCHELL, the Judge-elect of the Superior Courts of the Southern circuit, has always taken an active interest in politics. He has always been a Democrat straight from the shoulder. The "arbitrament of a legally constituted convention of my party fixes my loyalty to its candidates beyond question." That expresses the quality of his Democracy.

Judge Mitchell was born in Thomas county, Georgia, July 15, 1843. He was married to Miss Nettie Fondren at Thomasville, Ga., January 24, 1864. It was not long after his admission to the bar before his ability and devotion to the duties of his profession commanded the attention of his section. He was appointed Solicitor-General of the Southern circuit in 1873. He held this office until the fall of 1884. His long service was eminently satisfactory to the people and he made one of the best Solicitor-Generals in the State. He resigned to accept the nomination for State Senator. He was elected, and served ably and faithfully during the term covering 1884-5. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1890, and had conferred upon him the high honor of the presidency of that body, in which capacity he served with distinction during 1890-1. In addition to his distinguished career as a public man, Judge Mitchell was one among the bravest and best soldiers who illustrated the patriotism of Georgia in the dark "days which tried men's souls." When only eighteen years of age he enlisted in the Confederate army, in 1861, as a private in the Ochlochnee Light Infantry, Company E, 29th Georgia Regiment. This regiment was ably commanded by his brother, Colonel William D. Mitchell, at the close of the war. Judge Mitchell was promoted to the office of Sergeant, later elected Lieutenant, and served as Aide de Camp on the staff of General C. C. Wilson.

He was elected Judge of the Southern Circuit in October, 1902, and the service which he has done the State in positions requiring legal skill, together with his wide experience as a leading public man, make it certain that he will discharge the duties of his high office with credit to himself and honor to the State.

JUDGE W. H. FELTON.

WILLIAM H. FELTON, JR., is Judge of the Superior Courts of the Macon circuit. It is a great pleasure, in the course of these sketches, to mention the name of one who at once is an honor to the legal profession and who signally adorns the judiciary of Georgia by his brilliant talents, equable temperament and profound knowledge of the principles and practices of the law. Of all the eminent legal minds that occupy prominent judicial positions in this State, there is none who, by his qualifications or attainments, more gracefully wears the ermine.

Judge William H. Felton, Jr., was born in Macon County, Georgia, September 19, 1860, and is the eldest son of Leroy Monroe Felton and Mary Stowe Felton. Entering the sophomore Class at Mercer University at the age of fifteen, October term of 1875, he pursued his studies with diligence and ability, graduating in July, 1878 with the degree of A. B. and carrying off the second highest honor.

In October 1878 he entered the Law School of the University of Virginia, from which he graduated in July, 1880 with the degree of B. L. With this foundation for his future success in life, he entered the office of the late Hon. Samuel Hall in the city of Macon, where he received the benefit of his wise counsels and experience and was thoroughly found in the Georgia statutes. In December he was admitted to the practice of law in the city of Macon.

In his chosen profession he met with the various successes which attend the career of the young practitioner. "Law is a jealous mistress," but he was not to be daunted by disappointments nor too greatly elated by temporary success. With a resolute will and purpose he continued on the even tenor of his way, gaining friends and growing in popularity until 1886, when he was elected to the State Legislature, serving in that body with singular ability during the years 1886-7.

His rise was now steady. He was elected Solicitor-General of the Macon Circuit for the term beginning January 1, 1889, and was re-elected for the term begining January 1, 1893.

On January 15, 1896, Judge John L. Hardeman, the presiding Judge of the Macon Circuit, having resigned, he was appointed to that position, receiving his appointment at the hands of Governor W. Y. Atkinson.

At the following session of the Legislature he was elected to fill the unexpired term. After serving out that term he was again elected for the full term by the Legislature.

In October, 1902 he received the additional compliment, which justified the wisdom of his selection to perform the delicate and important duties of the high judicial trust by being elected another full term by the people. Thus Judge Felton enjoys the proud distinction of having been appointed by the Governor, twice elected by the Legislature, and elected by the people, and each time without opposition. He avers he will not be a candidate for re-election, but the people, from whom he holds his commission, will be loath to dispense with the services of one who has served them so faithfully and with such ability.

Judge Felton is a man of affairs as well as a man of parts. He is largely identified with numerous and important enterprises that contribute largely to the commerce of the flourishing city of Macon, and is a public-spirited, broad-minded citizen. He is devoted to agricultural and horticultural pursuits.

November 28, 1888, Judge Felton married Miss Mary Ellen Johnson. From that union there is one child, a boy, born September 20, 1899.

Judge Felton is Trustee of the Macon School Board, member of the Bibb County Board of Education and member of the Bond Commission of the City of Macon. He is also a trustee of the Georgia Academy for the Blind, and holds a chair in the Law School of Mercer University, lecturing on the law of evidence and criminal law. The Mercer Law School is one of the best in the South.

Judge Felton is very domestic in his traits, delighting in the pleasure of his palatial home. Mrs. Felton, too, is a most charming hostess and ably assists the Judge in the sumptuous and elegant entertainments for which they have become famous. Judge Felton being a man of fine physique and powerful frame keeps himself in good kelter by hunting and fishing and outdoor exercise. He is by no means averse to the pleasures of the ball room, and appears with equal grace whether leading the german or presiding at the festal board. A useful citizen, a kind and generous neighbor, may his days to come be many in the land that gave him birth.

JUDGE E. J. REAGAN.

EDWARD JOSEPH REAGAN, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Flint Circuit, was born in what was then Newton, now Rockdale county, on June 3, 1853. After receiving excellent educational training in the high school at Conyers, Georgia, he read law and was admitted to the bar at Covington, Georgia, September, 1873. He located at McDonough, Georgia, October, 1874, and entered upon the practice of his profession. In November, 1875, he removed to Hampton, Georgia, and, after practicing there about seven years, returned to McDonough in 1882. Since that time he has lived in McDonough, where he pursued his profession with gratifying success until October 1, 1898.

On that day Governor Atkinson appointed him Judge of the Superior Courts of the Flint circuit as the successor of Judge Marcus W. Beck, who had resigned. The Legislature in October, 1898, elected him for the full term. He was re-elected by the people in October, 1902, and is now serving his second term.

Judge Reagan was three times chosen to represent the people of his county in the General Assembly. He served in the House of Representatives during 1884-5, 1892-3 and 1894-5.

JUDGE A. W. FITE.

AUGUSTUS WARREN FITE has made an enviable record as a public man. Not only does he enjoy the deserved reputation of being one of the best judicial officials in Georgia, but to him belongs the peculiar distinction of never having suffered defeat for an office.

Judge Fite is, and has been, always, a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat.

He has filled the position of Judge of the Superior Courts of the Cherokee circuit for years with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the people of his circuit and the State.

Judge Fite was born in Gordon county on June 15, 1852. He is the son of

Dr. H. W. Fite and Sarah T. Fite, nee Denman; his parents being among the most excellent and highly esteemed people of North Georgia. He married Miss Florida Lilian Conyers, a most charming lady. To them were born six children, namely: William Conyers, Augustus Warren, Florida Lilian, Lindsay Johnson, Sarah and Joel Albert Fite.

Judge Fite, after enjoying good educational advantages, studied law. His rise at the bar was rapid. Impressed with his undoubted ability, the people of his county sent him to the Legislature of 1882, and so pleased were they with the record which he made that he was re-elected without trouble in 1884.

He was elected Solicitor-General of the Cherokee circuit in 1888, and, after a term of faithful and distinguished service, was re-elected in 1892.

Four years later, in 1896, he was made Judge of the Superior Courts of the Cherokee Circuit. For several years he filled the position with such marked ability that in 1902 he was re-elected for the full term.

Judge Fite is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, a Mason, Master, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar, and an Odd Fellow.

JUDGE W. T. GARY.

WILLIAM T. GARY, Judge of the Superior Courts of Augusta Circuit, was born at Cokesbury, South Carolina, in the year 1841. His ancestry is Scotch and the family tree bears many names which have adorned the annals of Scotland, among them being Robert Bruce and John Knox.

After attending the common schools of his section, he entered South Carolina College, from which he graduated in 1861. When the war began he entered the military service of the Confederacy as lieutenant of the South Carolina College Cadets. He served with distinction throughout the entire war, reaching the grade of major. He was one of six brothers who entered the service in defense of their native State and fought throughout the entire war. Each attained

the rank of commissioned officer, the lowest in grade being a captain and the highest a major-general. His is a military family, and none of the distinguished families of South Carolina has better right to be proud of its military career.

Judge Gary was admitted to the bar in Columbia. In 1875 he moved to Augusta, where he has since resided and where he has been one of the leaders of the splendid bar of that city. In 1882 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Richmond County. At the outset of his legislative career he exhibited the splendid characteristics which have made him one of the leading citizens of Richmond County and one of the ablest members of the House in recent years. After a long absence he was again elected to the House in 1900 and again made a splendid record. He was the author of the Soldiers' Home bill at that session, and after untiring effort secured the passage of the measure which made practicable this great charity. As a recognition of his great efforts in behalf of the Soldiers' Home he was presented with a gold medal by the organization of Confederate veterans, and a life-size picture of Judge Gary was hung on the walls of the building which was later destroyed by fire.

In 1893 Judge Gary was appointed United States district attorney for the Southern district of Georgia, and in that capacity was an extremely able and efficient official. He has been for a number of years connected with some of Augusta's most important enterprises, among them the Sibley and the Enterprise mills. He has had a splendid practice and his election to the bench was a deserved tribute from the people who had known him so long. He was elected, October 1st, to succeed Judge E. L. Brinson and his term will continue for four years from January 1, 1903.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

CONGRESSMAN L. F. LIVINGSTON.

LEONIDAS FELIX LIVINGSTON, member of Congress from the Fifth district of Georgia, is one of the most remarkable men whose name appears among these sketches. As plain as an old shoe, readily approached by the weak as well as the strong, there is no man that stands to-day nearer the hearts of the masses of the people of Georgia than Leonidas Felix Livingston, Democrat.

Col. Livingston resides at Covington, Newton county, where he was born April 3, 1842, of Scotch-Irish extraction. His grandfather emigrated to this country from the North of Ireland and served under General Washington during the war of the revolution. Young Livingston was educated in the common schools of Newton County for a farmer, grew up to be a farmer, and has always lived on a farm. This fact, taken in conjunction with his sturdy family qualities, accounts, probably, for the wonderful energy and strong robust constitution which has stood him in good stead in fighting life's battles.

From August, 1861 to May, 1865 he was a private soldier in the army of the Confederacy. And judging by his vivacious manner and cordial handgrasp "he killed as many of them as they did of him." He's no quitter. So long as there was anything doing he kept fighting, and not until Lee and Johnson said the word did the man behind the gun again become the man behind the mule.

Colonel Livingston's earnestness of purpose and ability to grasp the public

questions of the day received an early recognition at the hands of his people, and he was elected for two terms in the House of Representatives and one term in the State Senate. He gave special attention to the Agricultural interests and as a consequence, he was selected chairman of the Committee of Agriculture in both House and Senate. Furthermore, for eleven years he was Vice-President of the Georgia State Agricultural Society, from which position he was elevated to the presidency of the society, in which capicity he served four years.

He was President of the Georgia State Alliance for three terms, but resigned when elected to Congress. He has been a prominent figure in Georgia politics for many years, and the idea uppermost in his mind was to advance the farming interests of his State and section, which is the basis of wealth in the South. On this line, he was elected to the 52d, 53d, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th and re-elected to the 58th Congress.

He was placed on the Appropriation Committee, one of the most important in the House, by Speaker Charles F. Crisp, where he has served uninterruptedly ever since. He has performed, in this commanding position yeoman service, not only for the city of Atlanta, but for the State of Georgia, in securing liberal appropriations for the public works under construction in Georgia. Notably among them might be mentioned the appropriations for the improvement of the harbor and river at Savannah, the Altamaha and Brunswick, the inland passage of the Chattahoochee, the splendid public buildings of the State, and the location of the Federal prison at Atlanta. There is no more useful or influential member in Congress than Livingston from Georgia.

CONGRESSMAN R. E. LESTER.

RUFUS EZEKIEL LESTER, the subject of this sketch, has the honor of representing in Congress the First district of Georgia, which contains Savannah, one of the most flourishing and progressive cities in the South, and, with one exception, is the most important lumber, naval stores and cotton port on the globe. That he has been earnest and faithful in attending to the arduous task of looking after the vast interests of his constituency entrusted to his care and discretion is attested by the number of times he has been accorded the honor of being returned to his seat in the counsels of the nation.

He was born in Burke county, Georgia, December 12, 1837; graduated at Mercer University in 1857; admitted to the bar in Savannah, and commenced the practice of law in 1859. He entered the military service of the Confederate States in 1861 and remained in the service till the end of the war.

After the cessation of hostilities he resumed the practice of law. He was

State Senator from the First Senatorial district of Georgia, 1879-1889, and was president of that body during the last three years of his service. He was mayor of Savannah from January, 1883, to January, 1889.

Col. Lester was elevated to his position in Congress and served in the 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th and 57th Congresses, receiving 7,672 votes to 4,095 for William R. Leake, his Republican opponent. He has just received the flattering compliment of being re-elected to his seat in the 58th Congress without opposition.

Col. Lester is a life-long Democrat, following closely the teachings of Jefferson in his views on the forms of constitutional government in America. He is a ripe scholar and a trained parliamentarian whose usefulness is greatly appreciated by his costituents.

CONGRESSMAN J. W. MADDOX.

JOHN W. MADDOX, Representative in Congress from the Seventh district of Georgia, is one of the men of marked ability who compose Georgia's representation in the councils of the nation at Washington. He represents our highest ideals of real manhood; he stands always for the true, the noble, the good. Of a broad, discriminating mind, whether on the bench, in the discharge of his official duties at the nation's capital or in the private walks of life, he has been animated with but one purpose, and that is the fulfillment of the important trusts that have been committed to his care.

John W. Maddox was born June 3, 1848, in Chattooga county, Georgia, and received a common school education. At the age of fifteen while yet a boy, he enlisted in the service of the Confederate Government and served as a private to the end of the war.

After the cessation of hostilities he returned to Summerville in his native State, where he read law and was admitted to practice in 1877. He was elected Mayor of Summerville the same year and was successively elected County Commissioner in 1878, and to the State Legislature in October 1880.

He received the endorsement of his constituents, was re-elected in 1882 and in 1884, he was elected to represent the 42d senatorial district.

He was elected Judge of the Superior Court of the Rome Circuit in November, 1886, and was re-elected November, 1890. He resigned from the bench September 1, 1892, and accepted the Democratic nomination for Congress.

He was triumphantly elected and has sustained himself with marked ability in the seats formerly occupied by such able men as General P. M. B. Young, Clements, and W. H. Felton. He served in the 53d, 54th, 55th and 56th Congress and has just been re-elected to the 58th. He is on some of the most important committees in that body where his active mind and profound ability show to good advantage.

Judge Maddox combines the practice of law with the pursuit of agriculture. He is largely interested in the cultivation of peaches in which he is very successful. He practiced law in Summerville until called to the bench, when he moved to Rome January 1, 1890, where he now resides.

It is seldom we are called upon to record in these sketches a career more distinguished for its high attainments or which has met with so marked an approval at the hands of his constituents. Judge Maddox is a gentleman of great culture and affability of manner. He is now in the best of health and spirits, and is jubilant over the flattering industrial outlook of his mountain home and its environments. He is well grounded in the affection of his people, who confidently look forward to long years of usefulness at his post.

CONGRESSMAN F. C. TATE.

FARISH CARTER TATE represents the Ninth district of Georgia in the Congress of the United States. He was born as Jasper, Pickens county, Georgia, November 20th, 1856. He still resides in the town of his nativity.

Mr. Tate was educated in the common schools of Pickens, and afterwards graduated at the North Georgia Agricultural College, Dahlonega, Georgia. In 1880 he was admitted to the bar, and has since continued in the active and successful practice of his profession.

The political career of the popular member from the Ninth began with his service in the House of Representatives of his native State. He was a member of this body for three consecutive terms and made a reputation as an able legislator. During his service in the House he served as chairman of the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Tate was elected to the Fifty-third Congress, and has been successively honored with re-election since that time.

CONGRESSMAN W. C. ADAMSON.

WILLIAM CHARLES ADAMSON is a member of Congress from the Fourth district, which he has represented faithfully and efficiently for the past six years.

First impressions are generally the strongest, and one can not fail to be struck with the open, frank nature of the man, on meeting Judge Adamson, and readily understands the secret of his success in winning friends. He is a gentleman of fine, dignified presence and a clear understanding.

William Charles Adamson, of Carrollton, was born at Bowdon, Ga., August 13, 1854, and was the son of John W. Adamson and Mary A. McDaniel. He spent his youth alternately in working on the farm and in hauling goods and cotton between Atlanta and Bowdon. He took a collegiate course at Bowdon College, graduating therefrom with the degree of A. B. in 1874 The degree of A. M. was conferred upon him a few years later by the same institution. He read law in the office of Sampson W. Harris, Esq., and was admitted to the bar in October, 1876. He has resided at Carrollton, Ga., ever since, practicing in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of the State and the Federal Courts.

He was Judge of the City Court of Carrollton from 1885 to 1889, and was attorney for the city of Carrollton for a number of years. He was presidential elector in 1892.

He was elevated to a seat in Congress to represent the famous Fourth district, which is one of the most prominent for mineral and agricultural wealth and is bristling with industrial activity and progress, having had that distinction conferred upon him at the sessions of the 55th, 56th and 57th Congresses, at which last he received 7,234 votes to 2,238 polled for W. H. Freeman, his Republican opponent. He has just been re-elected to the 58th Congress without opposition.

On the 29th of January, 1885, he was united in marriage to Minna Reese, and the fruits of that union were three children—Charles, Reese and Emie. He is very democratic in his tastes and takes an active interest in the

pleasures of home life. He is a high-minded, public-spirited citizen, and takes broad views on national questions. The people of the Fourth district are fortunate in having so able and efficient a representative to guard their important interests at the nation's capital.

CONGRESSMAN J. M. GRIGGS.

JAMES MATTHEWS GRIGGS, who represents the Second district of Georgia in the national House of Representatives, was born in LaGrange, Troup county, Georgia, March 29, 1861. His parents were Augustus F. and Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews Griggs. He studied law after gaining his literary education and was admitted to the bar. Judge Griggs located in Dawson, where he has resided a number of years, and established a splendid law practice in that section of the State.

In 1888 he was elected Solicitor-General of the Pataula circuit, in which capacity he served for four years with marked ability and success. He is an able prosecuting attorney, and his career as Solicitor-General made him a wide reputation. He was elected Judge of the Pataula circuit in 1893, and presided over the courts of the circuit with great judicial ability. His record as a judicial officer was a splendid one, and he obtained a strong hold upon the esteem and affection of the people of the circuit.

Judge Griggs was elected a Representative in the Fifty-fifth Congress at the election in 1896, and has been re-elected at each successive election. During his term of service in the House he has made a reputation as a leader, and is one of the strongest men in the Democratic ranks. He has held a number of important committee appointments, and has stood high in the councils of the party.

Judge Griggs was elected chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and served in that capacity during the recent campaign. His

work in this connection was favorably commented upon by the leading newspapers throughout the country, and has greatly increased his hold upon the regard of the members of the party. His management of the campaign showed his masterly ability in this line and marked him for future honors at the hands of his party associates.

As a political speaker, Judge Griggs has few equals in the whole country, and has frequently made aggressive campaigns in the debatable districts in other States which have resulted in the advancement of his party. He is widely known in Georgia by reason of his distinguished public service and his frequent appearance on the stump in the campaigns of several years ago. He is one of the most popular men in the State, genial and magnetic in temperament, a gifted raconteur and a lawyer of great skill and ability.

Judge Griggs was married July 14, 1886, to Miss Theodosia Stewart. They have three children—Vernal, Stewart and Augusta. His home is at Dawson.

CONGRESSMAN E. B. LEWIS.

HON. ELIJAH B. LEWIS was born in Dooly county, Georgia, March 27, 1854, and while a boy attended school in the piney woods of that county. When still a boy his father placed him behind the counter in his country store, and his growth was alternated with mercantile work and attendance on the country school near by. When 17 years old his father sent him to Montezuma, Ga., to look after his interest in an enterprise established at that place. After two years' work as clerk and representing his father's interest he was made his partner in the mercantile and banking houses under the firm name of John F. Lewis & Son, and has continued to make Montezuma his home, where he has interests and is president of banks, mercantile and manufacturing enterprises in that city.

Mr. Lewis has always been a Democrat, taking more or less interest in politics, but until 1894 his only interest was the welfare of his party and pro-

motion of his friends. He has ever been true to his friends. That year he was elected to the State Senate, and while serving his district there ex-Speaker Crisp, who was then representing the Third district in Congress, made it known that he would not again be a candidate.

Mr. Lewis' friends urged upon him that it was the opportune time and that he should make the race for Congress, which he did, and was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress, and was re-elected and served in the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh, and recently elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress without opposition.

Mr. Lewis is representing a splendid district, having for his predecessors only two Congressmen since the war besides himself: the two distinguished gentlemen, Hon. Charles F. Crisp, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, and that gallant old soldier and statesman, Phil Cook.

Mr. Lewis loves his political party, and at all times feels the deepest interest in its welfare, standing for pure, noble and practical principles that will be for the upbuilding, not only of his people, but of our great country.

Mr. Lewis takes a deep interest in the educational and financial advancement of all Georgia, and especially of his district that he has the honor of representing and of his home people.

CONGRESSMAN W. M. HOWARD.

WILLIAM MARCELLUS HOWARD, of the Eighth Congressional District of Georgia, was born at Berwick City, Louisiana, December 6, 1857. He is of Georgia parentage, however, and has spent the greater part of his life at Lexington, Oglethorpe county.

Mr. Howard is an alumnus of the University of Georgia. After graduating from that institution he studied law and began the practice in February, 1880. After practicing for several years with splendid success he was elected solicitor-general of the Northern circuit in 1884. In the capacity of a prosecuting attorney Mr. Howard established a record which extended throughout the State. He filled the position with marked ability for three terms of four years each. He was first elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress, and has since been re-elected without serious opposition. He is one of the most popular men in the entire State, and in his own district his position is practically impregnable.

Mr. Howard resides in a county which has furnished the State with many distinguished sons. He is fitted by natural ability and training to worthily uphold the traditions of his district, and his enthusiastic constituents fervently claim that other and greater honors are in store for him.

CONGRESSMAN W. G. BRANTLEY.

WILLIAM GORDON BRANTLEY, Representative of the Eleventh district of Georgia in the Congress of the United States, is one of the most brilliant men in the House of Representatives. Mr. Brantley was born at Blackshear, Pierce county, September 18, 1860, the son of Benjamin D. Brantley and Janet McRae Brantley. His father was a pioneer merchant of that section and established a magnificent business, which is now being conducted by his sons. The Blackshear Manufacturing Company is composed of the sons of Mr. B. D. Brantley, and does a very large business in the manufacture of cotton oil and fertilizers. It is also a large handler of sea island cotton and does a large volume of business.

Hon. William G. Brantley was educated at the Blackshear Academy, and later spent two years at the University of Georgia. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, practicing his profession with marked success. In 1884-5 he represented Pierce county in the House of Representatives, and in 1886-7 was a member of the Senate from the Third district.

Mr. Brantley was elected Solicitor-General of the Brunswick circuit in 1888 and held this position nearly eight years. During his term of service he made a reputation as one of the ablest attorneys in the entire State. He is generally regarded as the best lawyer in his section, and has had a splendid practice for a number of years.

On June 18, 1896, before the expiration of his term as Solicitor-General, he was nominated by acclamation to the Fifty-fifth Congress to succeed Hon. Henry G. Turner, who declined a renomination. No other name was presented to the convention, and Mr. Brantley was elected. Succeeding the ablest man who has represented Georgia in Washington in many years, Mr. Brantley has most worthily filled the office. He was re-elected to the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses without opposition in the ranks of the party. He is an eloquent speaker and a profound student, and is conceded to be one of the strongest men in the Georgia delegation. He has been

frequently heard from upon the floor of the House and his speeches have attracted wide attention. A speech delivered by Mr. Brantley upon the Philippine question was pronounced by the San Francisco Examiner to be the most noteworthy utterance upon that issue during the entire session.

Mr. Brantley is a man of great personal magnetism and his hold upon the people of his district is very great. He is personally acquainted with the majority of his constituents, and they are one and all proud of him. There is none of the pettiness of the politician about the genial young Representative from the Eleventh, and he possesses the ability of the statesman rather than the finesse of the manipulator. He is destined to win success in any field into which he may enter in future, and there are great honors in store for him.

Mr. Brantley was first married to Miss Jessie Kate Westbrook, who died, leaving three children—W. G. Jr., Jessie Kate and Marguerite. In January, 1900, Mr. Brantley married Miss Mary George Linn, of Birmingham, Ala. His residence is at Brunswick.

CONGRESSMAN T. W. HARDWICK.

THOMAS WILLIAM HARDWICK, Representative from the Tenth district to the Fifty-eighth Congress, will be the youngest member of the Georgia delegation and one of the youngest in the House. Mr. Hardwick was born in Thomasville, Ga., December 9, 1872, the son of Robert W. and Mrs. Z. S. (Matthews) Hardwick. He is a direct descendant in the paternal line of the famous Hardwicke family of England.

Mr. Hardwick received his education at Mercer University. After completing his college course he read law and was admitted to the bar in Sandersville. In 1895 he was appointed Solicitor of the County Court of Washington, and held the position for two years. The next year he was elected to the House from Washington and served two years. He was a leader in the House during his membership in that body, and took a prominent part in the legislation of the time. Mr.

Hardwick is an advocate of negro disfranchisement, and was the author of a bill to that effect while in the House, which failed of passage. He was chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs during the session of 1898-9.

In the heated political campaigns in the Tenth district Mr. Hardwick has taken a prominent part ever since attaining his majority, and served several terms as chairman of the campaign committee of his county. At the opening of the recent campaign Mr. Hardwick announced his candidacy for Congress in opposition to Hon. William H. Fleming, the present able incumbent.

His many friends throughout the State in political circles were of the honest opinion that the brainy young citizen of Sandersville was premature in his search for Congressional honors. His opponent was an exceedigly able man with the advantage of service and situation in the most important county in the district. The question of negro disfranchisement was made the issue and the campaign was fought on this line. Few warmer campaigns within the ranks of the party have ever been waged in the State. Mr. Hardwick had made a reputation as a brilliant speaker and his speeches in several joint debates were the features of the campaign. Mr. Hardwick won a decisive victory in the primary and was elected in November without opposition. His race is the marvel of the political year and marked a new phase in the politics of the State.

Mr. Hardwick resides in Sandersville, Washington county, where he has an extensive law practice. He was married at Tennille, Ga., April 25, 1894, to Miss Maude Perkins, daughter of Hon. G. W. Perkins, now of Augusta. They have one child, Mary Hardwick, aged five years. Mr. Hardwick has a strong hold upon the people of his county and is extremely popular throughout the district. His friends confidently predict that he will make a splendid record in Congress.

THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF.

IN all the State of Georgia Governor Terrell could hardly have chosen for his military staff one hundred men more truly representative of the people, whose Chief Executive he is. The list includes some of the foremost figures, young and old, in professional and commercial pursuits. There are lawyers, physicians, ministers, journalists, merchants, farmers, bankers, and men from practically all callings.

The personnel of the Governor's military staff has much to do with the dignity of ceremonious occasions in which their Chief takes part, and from the one hundred representative Georgians he has chosen, a goodly array may be secured for any occasion. Should the necessity arise the staff of Governor Terrell could be depended upon to perform the military duty which pertains to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp.

COL. J. W. ENGLISH, Jr.

JAMES W. ENGLISH, JR., Chief of the Staff of Governor Joseph M. Terrell, is a native Georgian, and is one of the most prominent young men in the State. He was born at Griffin, Ga., June 11, 1867, and is now in his thirty-sixth year. He is a resident of Atlanta, where he has large business interests, and is a leader in the social life of the city.

Mr. English was educated in the public schools of Atlanta, and graduated from the Boys' High School in June, 1883. He received his diploma from the hands of Governor Joseph E. Brown at DeGive's Opera House June 11th. He afterwards completed his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Boston, taking a course in mechanical engineering.

After completing his course at the technical institution, Mr. English

returned to Atlanta, and became interested in railroad construction. From 1885 until 1891 he was actively engaged in the business. Among the roads constructed by the company in which he was interested were the Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus, Georgia Midland & Gulf, Atlanta & Florida, Columbus Southern, and a number of less important branch lines.

In 1891 Mr. English returned to Atlanta and was elected general manager of the Chattahoochee Brick Company, in which capacity he served until 1900, when he was elected vice-president, which position he still holds. He is largely interested in a number of important enterprises, being president of the Lookout Mountain Coal and Coke Company, the Central Mining Company, and is vice-president of the Georgia Security and Banking Company. In 1895, with a few friends, he secured control of the Atlanta Traction Company, and was president of the company for several years, until he disposed of his interest at a handsome profit.

Mr. English was married April 29, 1896, to Miss Rebie Lowe, of Atlanta. He is one of the leaders of society in Atlanta, and was for several years a member of the Governing Board of the Capital City Club, and is now president of the Piedmont Driving Club. He is building at the corner of Peachtree and Howard streets, a residence, which will be, when completed, one of the most magnificent mansions in the city.

Mr. English has occupied many positions of honor and trust. He was a director of the Cotton States and International Exposition and has been for several years a trustee of the Grady Hospital. In 1900 he was appointed by Governor Candler Commissioner to represent the State of Georgia at the World's Fair at Paris. He spent three months there in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him as Commissioner.

Mr. English, having received a splendid technical education himself, has always been a firm friend of the Georgia School of Technology, and has been active in its support. When Aaron French of Pittsburg proposed to give the institution $20,000 provided the city of Atlanta would contribute a like amount, Mr. English was one of the first to subscribe $1,000 toward the necessary sum. He has always been an active promoter of any movement looking to the advancement of Atlanta and the State at large. He is active and public-spirited and is always ready to lend aid to any good cause. In late years Mr. English has taken a great deal of interest in State and municipal politics and has been active in the support of his friends for office and has rendered them valuable support.

COL. W. L. PEEL.

WILLIAM LAWSON PEEL was born in Webster county, Georgia, and is the only son of James Gamble Peel and his wife, Elizabeth Stapleton. The Peels and Stapletons were among the early settlers of Burke and Washington counties, their ancestry being among the oldest families of Yorkshire, England, and whose descendants emigrated to this county in the time of Charles I. Mr. Peel's great grandfather, John Peel, who married Sarah Gamble, was a Georgia soldier of the Revolution, while his great grandfather, George Lawson Stapleton, served in the Continental Army from Virginia. Mr. Peel is a member of the Georgia Sons of the Revolution. His grandfather, George Stapleton, of Jefferson county, was a major in the war of 1812, and fought also in the early Indian wars.

Mr. Peel was reared on his father's farm, which he left in 1870 to take a position in the Bank of Americus. From there he came to Atlanta to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of the State of Georgia. In 1880 he formed a partnership with R. F. Maddox and J. W. Rucker, under the firm name of Maddox-Rucker Banking Company, and of which he has been successively cashier, vice-president and president.

In 1874 he was married in Washington, D. C., to Miss Lucy Cook, daughter of Gen. Phil Cook and one of the belles of the South. Mrs. Peel has been for years one of the social, literary and musical leaders of Atlanta, and dispenses from her elegant home on Peachtree street, which has been the family residence for a quarter of a century, a delightful hospitality.

Four children have blessed the home—Mrs. W. H. Kiser, formerly Miss Lucy Peel; Misses Sarah and Marion, two lovely daughters, and a young son, William Lawson Peel, Jr., who died some years ago.

Mr. Peel is a prominent member of the Methodist church, and is noted for his generosity.

He is also a member of the Capital City Club, Piedmont Driving Club, and the Atlanta Athletic Club.

COL. J. H. TIPTON.

JAMES HARRISON TIPTON, of Sylvester, is a well-known member of the Worth county bar. He is a native of the county, having been born at Isabella October 28, 1872. His parents were Chas. G. and Mrs. Sarah F. Tipton.

Colonel Tipton began the practice of law at Sylvester in 1897 as a member of the firm of Perry & Tipton. The next year he was appointed Solicitor of the County Court by Governor Atkinson, and reappointed in 1900 by Governor Candler. He was not an applicant for reappointment this year and his term expired in August. He is one of the leading attorneys of that section and has established a splendid practice since his entrance into the ranks of the profession.

COL. R. L. COLDING.

ROBERT LEE COLDING, Lieutenant - Colonel and Aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Joseph M. Terrell, was born September 2, 1866. Both his parents were residents of the city of Savannah. His mother, formerly Miss Laura Frances Sibley, is still living, while his father, Silas M. Colding, died in 1886.

Mr. Colding's father was captain in the Confederate Army, and gave evidence of his regard for the lost cause by naming his son Robert Lee.

Mr. Colding was for a number of years cashier of one of Savannah's largest mercantile houses, but being desirous of studying law, and being

financially unable to attend one of the universities, accepted the position of deputy clerk of the City Court. While occupying that position he studied law and was admitted to the bar, and by his energy and ability has established a very lucrative practice. Upon his retirement from the clerk's office, Hon. Thomas M. Norwood, Judge of the City Court, under whom he served, said that as a clerk he had few equals and no superiors.

Mr. Colding has been prominent in the municipal politics of Savannah. He is serving on the Board of Aldermen and is also a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Chatham county. He is a very influential and popular citizen of Savannah and is well known in political circles throughout the State.

COL. F. J. PAXON.

FREDERIC J. PAXON, one of the most popular of the Atlanta members of Governor Terrell's staff, is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born July 22, 1865. He is the son of Phillip H. and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Paxon of that city.

Mr. Paxon came to Atlanta several years ago to take charge of the local office of the American Baptist Publication Society. He continued in this capacity for several years, during which time he was successful in largely extending the trade of the Society in this section. Later he resigned his position with the Society and entered the firm of Davison-Paxon-Stokes Company, one of the leading dry goods firms of the city. He has been actively connected with the management of the company, and here, as well as in his former position, has exhibited splendid business qualifications and taken rank as one of the leading young men of the city.

Mr. Paxon has never held office of any kind and has never entered political life. Since his residence in Atlanta he has taken an active interest in the

leading commercial and social organizations. He is a director of the Carnegie Library, and has done a great deal to arouse the interest of the people in the institution. He has been active in its support upon all occasions. He was a director of the last Southern Inter-State Fair. He was one of the active organizers of the Atlanta Lecture Association, and is now Chairman of its Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Y. M. C. A., and a member of the Piedmont Driving Club.

COL. C. H. HUTCHESON.

CLAUD HILL HUTCHESON, of the Governor's staff, is one of the happiest appointments made by the Governor. He is an exceedingly popular young man in Middle Georgia, and especially so in Atlanta and his home county, Clayton. He is the second son of Hon. L. C. Hutcheson and Julia Sims Hutcheson, and was born in Jonesboro, Clayton County, Georgia, on December 4, 1865. He is unmarried and resides in Jonesboro with his parents.

He has been a member of the city council of Jonesboro and is at present a member of the board of trustees of the public schools of Jonesboro. Is progressive and active in matters educational. In politics he has always been a staunch Democrat, outspoken for his friends and an earnest worker whether in municipal, county, State or Federal elections.

Entered the service of Oglesby & Meador, wholesale grocers, in Atlanta, as assistant shipping clerk in 1884, and by prompt attention to business was soon promoted to traveling salesman, which position he still holds with the Oglesby Grocery Company. He is also vice-president of the latter company.

By his energy and affability he has secured for his company a splendid trade in the ten counties of his territory.

He was an ardent supporter of Governor Terrell and did magnificent service for him in every county wherein he travels, and his appointment on the staff is but a fitting recognition of his splendid service in the State campaign. It is freely predicted that there will be no more popular member on the staff than Col. Hutcheson.

COL. M. F. AMOROUS.

MARTIN F. AMOROUS is one of the substantial business men of Atlanta. He is a native of Savannah, where he was born October 23, 1858. In October, 1887, he was married to Miss Emma Kate Williams, of Columbus. To them have been born six children, two boys and four girls.

For a number of years Mr. Amorous has been actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He has been connected with a number of firms engaged in this business in the State, and is considered an authority on the subject. His business has carried him from time to time into all portions of the lumber district of the State. He has an extensive acquaintance throughout the State and has a host of friends who deeply appreciate his appointment to the staff of Governor Terrell.

Mr. Amorous has not been an active politician on his own account, but has rendered splendid service from time to time to such of his friends as were standing for office. He was a member of the city council of Atlanta in 1888-9, and was an active worker in that body. For several years he spent the major portion of his time in Colquitt county, where he had extensive lumber interests. He retained his citizenship in Atlanta, however, and upon his return to the city permanently this year, stood for the Council and was elected. He is a splendid type of the sucessful business man who has come to the front by his own personal efforts.

COL. W. R. SINQUEFIELD.

WILLIAM RICHARD SINQUEFIELD is a resident of Louisville, Jefferson county. He was born at that place January 1, 1875, his parents being F. A., and Mrs. Mary Lou Sinquefield. His father, Hon. F. A. Sinquefield, was a lieutenant in the Confederate army. He has also twice represented his county in the legislature, in 1882-3, and in 1892-3.

William R. Sinquefield, after attending the schools of Louisville, took a course at the North Georgia Agricultural and Mechanical College at Dahlonega. He graduated from this institution in 1896, and entered the mercantile business in Louisville. He has been very successful and is now engaged in farming, and is also president of the Louisville Drug Company.

COL. H. H. REVILL.

HENRY HARRIS REVILL, of Greenville, Ga., is a native of Meriwether county and a life-long friend of Governor Terrell. He is the son of Hon. W. T. and Mrs. Alice A. Revill. Hon. W. T. Revill has long been a distinguished figure in that section of the State. He taught school for many years, and among his pupils who reached distinction were Governor W. Y. Atkinson and Governor J. M. Terrell. He has also been editor of the Meriwether Vindicator for a number of years.

Mr. Revill was appointed official stenographer of the Coweta circuit in 1891, which position he still

holds. He was admitted to the bar in 1896. His public service has included membership in the City Council of Greenville and a term as mayor pro tem. He is now mayor of Greenville.

Mr. Revill has been prominently connected with some of the leading political figures of the State. During the last two months of Governor Atkinson's term Mr. Revill acted as one of the secretaries of the executive department during the illness of his father. He had previously aided in looking after the correspondence of Governor Atkinson during his campaign. During Governor Terrell's campaign Mr. Revill was an active member of the campaign committee, and rendered splendid service in that capacity. He is an able lawyer and is very popular in the State, and especially in those counties where his official duties take him.

COL. G. B. TATUM.

GORDON B. TATUM, of LaFayette, Ga., is a leading attorney of that place. He is a member of the law firm of Glenn & Tatum, which does a splendid practice in that section of the State.

Mr. Tatum was born at Trenton, Ga., July 1, 1877. He is the son of Mr. A. B. and Mrs. A. J. Tatum. After attending the public schools of that section of the State, Mr. Tatum completed his education by taking a course at Lebanon University, Lebanon, Ohio. He graduated from this institution in 1892. He was married at Huntington, Tenn., September 17, 1895, to Miss Cora Lee Townes, of that city. To them have been born two children—Estelle and Gordon B., Jr.

Having been admitted to the bar, Mr. Tatum was appointed official stenographer of the Rome circuit in January, 1895, by Judge W. T. Turnbull. So

satisfactory was his service in this capacity he was twice reappointed to the same position by Judge W. M. Henry. In 1896 he was appointed to a similar position in the City Court of Floyd county by Judge Harris.

He is at present the official stenographer of the Rome circuit. In the counties where his official duties call him he is extremely popular and influential. He was an ardent supporter of Governor Terrell, and rendered him splendid service in his campaign in that section of the State. He is regarded by his fellows at the bar as a young practitioner of great promise and ability.

COL. L. W. THOMAS.

LEWIS WIMBERLY THOMAS was born in Talbot county, Georgia. He is the son of the late Dr. Francis Anderson Thomas, of Sparta, Ga. His father having moved to California, he graduated, taking the A. B. degree at Pacific Methodist College, Santa Rosa, Cal. Afterwards he was given the degree of A. M. by the same college. His father having returned to Georgia, he graduated at the University of Georgia in the law department, taking the degree of B. L.

In 1876 he was appointed Solicitor of the County Court of Clarke county by Governor Jas. M. Smith for the term of four years. When in 1879 this court was changed to that of the City Court of Athens, Governor Colquitt appointed him Solicitor of this court for a term of four years.

He resigned this office and came to Atlanta in 1882, where he has since resided.

He was appointed in 1891 Solicitor of the City Court of Atlanta for a term of four years by Governor Northen, which office he successfully filled, his term expiring in 1896.

Mr. Thomas' father was a native of Hancock county, Georgia. He was prepared for college by the famous Dr. Beman at Mt. Zion, the same county, and graduated at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia. He also graduated with

honor in the Augusta and Charleston medical colleges, and at the beginning of the Civil War had made a handsome competency. This all went in the shape of Confederate bonds and negroes. Dr. Thomas was elected to the Secession Convention of 1861 as a Co-operationist, believing it unwise for the States to secede at the time they did. But when he saw that the convention was bound to take the State out of the Union he changed his vote to secession.

Mr. Thomas' mother was Almira Narcissa Wimberly, of Talbot county, Georgia. She was the daughter of Col. Lewis Wimberly, one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Talbot county. Mr. Thomas married Miss Georgia Miller, of Savannah, Ga., daughter of the late Andrew J. Miller.

Mr. Thomas has taken a prominent part in public affairs for several years and his appointment to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy on Governor Terrell's staff is a deserved tribute to his worth and ability. He is a member of the law firm of Anderson, Anderson & Thomas, of Atlanta, one of the leading firms in the city.

COL. Z. H. CLARK.

IN ZACH H. CLARK, of Moultrie, Governor Terrell selected for his staff a thoroughly representative business man of one of the livest and most progressive little cities in the State of Georgia. Mr. Clark is a native of Oglethorpe county, having been born at Lexington January 14, 1863. His parents were members of splendid families of that section of the State, and their son had every advantage in his early life. He attended the private school of T. B. Moss, who was for many years a distinguished instructor of the youth of Georgia, and afterwards took a course at Mercer University, graduating with the degree of A. B., after taking a splendid stand in his studies and in the work of the literary societies of the institution.

After leaving college, Mr. Clark entered the drug business in Madison, where he remained for several years, going from that place to Cochran and

assisting in the organization of the Cochran Banking Company. He was made cashier of this institution, and under his management it had a remarkably successful career.

In 1896, Mr. Clark recognizing the wonderful possibilities of Moultrie and Colquitt county, moved out there and helped organize the Moultrie Banking Company, and was elected its cashier. Here he duplicated his performance at Cochran, and this institution has been noted throughout the State for its strength and volume of business. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Moultrie Cotton Mills and of the Moultrie Investment Company, and a member of the Ashburn Naval Stores Company, and a director of the T. T. & G. Railroad.

At Eastman January 12, 1892, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Elizabeth Ashburn, and their happy union has been blessed by four children—Anna Warren, Elizabeth, Rebekah and Zach H. Clark. Mr. Clark is prominent in church and educational work in Moultrie and is one of the town's most progressive citizens.

COL. A. H. MARCHANT.

ATTICUS HAYGOOD MARCHANT, of Milledgeville, is commandant of cadets and professor of natural science in the Georgia Military Institute at that place. He has held this position since 1898, and his service has been eminently satisfactory to the authorities and patrons of the school.

Colonel Marchant was born in Aiken, S. C., July 27, 1876. His parents were D. H. Marchant and Mrs. Julia Bond Marchant. He graduated at South Carolina Military Academy in Charleston June, 1896, with the rank of first lieutenant and adjutant of the cadet battalion. For two years he taught school in South Carolina, and at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war

assisted in organizing the Second South Carolina Volunteers. He ranked as First Lieutenant in the regiment, but resigned August, 1898, to accept his present position. Colonel Marchant was married at Milledgeville August 17, 1899, to Miss Susie Whitaker, daughter of Dr. J. M. Whitaker, of that city.

COL. F. O. MILLER.

FRANK O. MILLER, of Fort Valley, by reason of his prominence in that section of the State as a manufacturer and capitalist, and his long and distinguished official connection with various fraternal orders, is one of the best known members on the staff of the present Governor. Mr. Miller was born in Fort Valley June 20, 1862. He is the son of O. H. and Mrs. M. A. Miller. His father was a leading business man and manufacturer of Fort Valley for a number of years. Mr. Miller was married in Quitman, Ga., October 10, 1883, to Miss Mamie F. Jones, of that place. They have three children—Willie F., Mamie S. and Maude.

For a number of years Mr. Miller has been foremost in the political and commercial life of Fort Valley. He was elected mayor of the city in 1884, and served for two years. He was one of the promoters of Fort Valley's splendid public school system, and has been a member of the School Board ever since its establishment, some thirteen years ago. He was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners when the waterworks were constructed in 1893, and served on the Board six years. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners in 1899 and 1900.

Mr. Miller is general manager of the Georgia Agricultural Works at Fort Valley, large manufacturers of cotton ginning machinery. He is also president of the Fort Valley Knitting Mills and of the Elberta Canning Company and is a director and member of the finance committee of the Exchange Bank.

Mr. Miller has always been a very enthusiastic member of the Masonic fra-

ternity, and has held a number of important official positions, both in his home lodge and in the grand organizations of the State. He is now Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia.

COL. D. E. McGAW.

D. E. McGAW, of Aragon, Polk County, is one of the substantial business men of his county, and his appointment to the staff was gratefully received by his numerous friends throughout the State. Mr. McGaw is an Englishman, having been born in Lancashire, June 4, 1859. In 1866, his family came to this country and located in Boston, Massachusetts. In the public schools of that city Mr. McGaw received his education, and later returned to England and took a course in the Industrial Textile School at Manchester. Having selected the textile industry as his life-work, Mr. McGaw further prepared himself by taking a course in chemistry, as applied to textile coloring, in Switzerland. After completing this latter course of study he returned to this country.

In 1883 Mr. McGaw came South and has since been prominently identified with the cotton mill industry in this section. He was first connected with the Morrotock Mills in Virginia. Coming to Georgia, he was put in charge of the Algernon Mill in Augusta, and later leased the plant and operated it on his own account. From there he managed the Phœnix Mills in Nashville, Tenn., and later was associated with the Southern Belting Company of Atlanta as manager of the supply department.

In February, 1900, Mr. McGaw assumed the management of the Aragon Mills, which he has since conducted successfully and to the great satisfaction of the owners. He is an expert in his chosen work and is an authority on textile matters. He has never actively entered politics, but is an enthusiastic Democrat.

While in Augusta Mr. McGaw was Lieutenant in the Clark Light Infantry, so his new duties will not find him inexperienced in military matters.

COL. T. J. McRAE.

THOMAS J. McRAE, one of the youngest members of the staff and one of the foremost men of his town, resides at McRae, Telfair County, Georgia. He is a member of a family which has long been prominent in that section of the State. Mr. McRae is the son of John W. McRae, and was born at Melrose, Putnam County, Florida, August 31, 1878. He has never been a politician nor asked for office. He has been active in the support of his friends who were candidates, and his appointment to the staff is a recognition of his services in the campaign in behalf of Governor Terrell.

COL J. E. LINDER.

JOHN EMMETT LINDER is one of the leading men of Hartwell, both in social and commercial life. He was born at Hartwell, March 26, 1874. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Linder. Mr. T. J. Linder is the senior member of the firm of T. J. Linder & Sons, of Hartwell, one of the strongest mercantile firms of that place. His sons, Arthur and John E. Linder, are active members of the firm and good business men.

Mr. Linder was happily married to Miss Clara Belle Hodges, daughter of ex-Senator F. B. Hodges, November 25, 1896. Their union has been blessed by two sweet little girls, Anna Claire and Evelyn.

aged five and three respectively. Mr. Linder has a beautiful home in Hartwell, which is the scene of many social functions, for he and his charming wife are social leaders of the town.

Mr. Linder has never aspired to any political office. He was recently appointed to membership on the Board of Commissioners of Hart County, a recognition of his business capacity and standing among his people. He takes an active interest in religious and educational affairs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hartwell Male and Female College, and is a steward in the Methodist Church. Mr. Linder is a substantial citizen of his county, and Governor Terrell chose wisely in selecting him for staff appointment.

COL. F. A. LIPSCOMB.

FRANCIS ADGATE LIPSCOMB, of Athens, is a member of the distinguished family of that name, which has been very prominent in educational circles in this State for many years. Mr. Lipscomb was born in the chancellor's residence on the campus of the University of Georgia September 28, 1871. His parents were Professor Francis A. Lipscomb and Mary A. Lipscomb. His father was Professor of Belles Lettres in the University of Georgia for some years previous to his death, and his mother is principal of Lucy Cobb Institute. He is a grandson of Chancellor Andrew A. Lipscomb, once the distinguished head of the University, and also of Prof. William Rutherford, who was for thirty-five years Professor of Mathematics in the same institution.

Mr. Lipscomb is a prominent citizen of Athens, and has taken an active part in advancing the interests of the Classic City. He represents the Third ward in the city council at present, and is senior member of the firm of Lipscomb & Company, who do an extensive insurance brokerage business there.

COL. H. O. WILLIFORD.

HENRY OSCAR WILLIFORD, is one of the leading business men of Harmony Grove, Georgia, where he is engaged in the mercantile business, in which he has been markedly successful. He was born in Madison County, Georgia, May 12, 1861.

Mr. Williford was married at Athens, Georgia, October 19, 1886, to Miss Carry L. Head, of that city. He is a graduate of the North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega. For several years after graduation he taught in the public schools of Jackson and Madison counties and then entered the mercantile business. He has several times served as councilman of Harmony Grove and has also been a member of the county executive committee twice.

COL. E. T. WILLIAMS.

EBENEZER T. WILLIAMS is the son of Hon. Joseph P. Williams, of Columbia county, Georgia, who was many times a member of the Legislature, and served with Alexander H. Stephens in the great constitutional convention after the war. His grandfather was Ebenezer T. Williams, who was a mathematician and professor, and was born in Williamsburg, Mass., and a lineal descendant of Roger Williams of Rhode Island, the founder of the Baptist church in America.

Mr. Williams' mother was Miss Martin, whose family came from Virginia, and is related to the Ran-

dolph family of that State. Mr. Williams is one of the honor graduates of Emory College (1880), and also of Lebanon Law School, in Tennessee. He was a member of the Legislature from Richmond county in 1890 and '91, and served on the General Judiciary Committee and several other prominent committees. He moved to Atlanta in 1891 to practice law (in which he is now engaged). He is a Son of the American Revolution, a Knight of Pythias, a Red Man and an Odd Fellow.

In 1896 he canvassed the State for the Democratic nominee, and also accepted an invitation to speak in the West in the Bryan campaign.

He is well known over the State by his public speeches and addresses on many occasions.

COL. J. D. ROBINSON.

JAMES D. ROBINSON, President of the A. M. Robinson Company of Atlanta, is one of the most successful business men of the city. His firm does a splendid wholesale dry goods and notion business, and under his careful management the business has increased rapidly.

Mr. Robinson was born in Monticello, Jasper county, Georgia. His father was the founder of the firm of which Mr. James D. Robinson is now the head. Mr. Robinson was married in Atlanta, June, 1899, to Miss Emily English, a member of one of the leading families of the city. They have one child, Emily. He is prominent in the social life of the city, being a member of the Capital City Club and also of the Piedmont Driving Club.

Mr. Robinson is a thorough business man and has never had inclination or found time to engage in politics. He served on the staff of Governor Allen D. Candler, and his re-appointment as a member of the staff of the present Chief Executive is a deserved tribute to his worth as a man, and a

recognition of his prominence and ability in the business world. He is very popular in Atlanta, and is known through his business connections to a number of the most important people of the State.

COL. L. O. BENTON.

LURNER O. BENTON, of Monticello, Ga., is a leading business man of that town. He is a member of the family of Bentons which has contained in its ranks some of the best business men in that section of the State. He is the son of Mr. James Benton. Mr. Benton graduated at Emory College with the class of 1883.

After leaving college, Mr. Benton returned to Monticello and entered upon an active business career. He became one of the most successful merchants of the town and has ever been one of its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. He has been for several years a director of the Bank of Monticello. Several years ago Mr. Benton began the establishment of a chain of banks throughout the State. He has become interested in a number of important institutions of this kind, and each has been uniformly prosperous. He is a careful financier and is considered to be one of the best business men of the entire State. The financial institutions with which he is connected have the entire confidence of the people in the towns in which they are located. He gives the banks of which he is a director his close personal attention, and they profit by his experience and ability.

Mr. Benton is at present a director in the Bank of Monticello, the Bank of Covington, the Bank of Cedartown, the Morgan County Bank of Madison, the People's Bank of Lyons, the Adrian Banking Company, the Bank of Doerun and the First National Bank of Barnesville. Besides being an extremely successful business man, Mr. Benton has by his earnestness and gracious manners made a host of friends throughout the entire State. His appointment to the staff of Governor Terrell is a well-merited recognition of one of the leading young men in the ranks of the financiers of Georgia.

COL. R. E. L. EVANS.

ROBERT E. LEE EVANS, of Thomson, Georgia, is by occupation a farmer and fruit grower. He is a native of Richmond County, where he was born November 5, 1862. His father, Major William E. Evans, was at one time one of the leading cotton factors in the State and a very prominent citizen of Augusta.

Mr. Evans was married at Thomson, Georgia, December 23, 1885, to Miss Ella Morgan. He has never entered political life and his appointment to the staff is a recognition of his personal worth and standing in the county where he resides.

COL. W. M. TOOMER.

WILLIAM M. TOOMER, of Waycross, Georgia, is a prominent attorney of that city, where he has been located for several years. He is a South Carolinian by birth, and was born at Charleston, September 14, 1866. After beginning his education at Porter Academy in his native city, Mr. Toomer attended Hobart College, Geneva, New York, where he was graduated in June, 1887. After his graduation, Mr. Toomer taught mathematics for two years in Yeates Institute, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After studying law in Waycross and in New York City, Mr. Toomer was admitted to the bar in 1892 and has since engaged in the active practice of his chosen profession. He has built up a good business in Ware and adjoining counties and

is considered to be one of the leaders at the bar in his circuit. When Hon. William G. Brantley resigned the Solicitorship of the Brunswick circuit to become a member of Congress Mr. Toomer was appointed to the position, which he filled with marked ability, establishing a splendid reputation as a prosecuting attorney. Previous to his appointment Mr. Toomer had been official stenographer of the Brunswick circuit.

Mr. Toomer was married at Brunswick August 4, 1892, to Miss Rosalie Holmes. They have four children, two boys and two girls. Mr. Toomer was elected to the last General Assembly, representing Ware county in the House during the years 1900 and 1901 with credit to himself and to his constituency.

Mr. Toomer is a member of the law firm of Toomer & Reynolds of Waycross, which has a splendid practice in the counties of that section of the State. The firm has in the last few years won several important damage suits against corporations, which have given its members a wide reputation in this particular line of legal work.

COL. G. W. HARRISON.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HARRISON has served on the staffs of two former Governors of the State. He was appointed by Governor Northen, and sustained a similar relation to Governor Atkinson. He was closely connected with those executives, and has been long an intimate friend of Governor Terrell, at whose hands he received his last appointment. Mr. Harrison was born in Randolph county, March 31, 1849. His father, Hon. George W. Harrison, represented Randolph in the Legislature for a number of years. He was Secretary of State at the time of his death in 1854.

Mr. Harrison was married in Atlanta April 29, 1874, to Miss Lucie Hayden. They have two children, Lucy Hayden Harrison and George W. Harrison, Jr. He resides in Atlanta, where he has been a leader in the business circles of the city for a number of years.

Mr. Harrison is a publisher and a manufacturer. He has been State

Printer for a number of years. For several years he was president of the Board of Water Commissioners of the city, and has held other official positions. He is general manager of the Franklin Printing and Publishing Company, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the South.

COL. C. V. TRUITT.

C. V. TRUITT, of LaGrange, is one of the most successful and influential business men of that city, and in his selection for staff appointment Governor Terrell acted with the warm approbation of a wide circle of Mr. Truitt's acquaintances. Mr. Truitt was born in Troup County, June 11, 1861, and comes from a family which has been prominent for many years in that section. Until his sixteenth year he lived on a farm eight miles from LaGrange. He then entered the mercantile business, alternating with school, until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he accepted a position as traveling salesman.

Mr. Truitt was married in LaGrange October 15, 1884, to Miss Nannie Holt Abraham, of that city, and has two children—Mary Lucie and Forrest Holt Truitt. He has always been too busy to go into politics, and so his record in that respect is confined to service in the City Council of LaGrange.

Mr. Truitt went into business after leaving the road with his brother, the firm name being Truitt Brothers, and for several years they conducted a very successful business. At the expiration of four years Mr. C. V. Truitt purchased his brother's interest and has since conducted the business under the style of the C. V. Truitt Supply Company, doing an extensive farmers' supply business.

In 1899 he, with two associates, established the Unity Cotton Mills for the manufacture of heavy duck, which enterprise has been remarkably successful. At the first meeting of the stockholders of this institution Mr. Truitt was elected to the preidency, which position he still holds. He is also vice-president and director of the LaGrange Banking and Trust Company, a director of the LaGrange Creamery and a trustee of LaGrange Female College.

COL. J. H. OXFORD.

JAMES H. OXFORD was born in Terrell county, Ga., five miles from Dawson, September 17, 1871. He is the son of Calvin F., and Mrs. Sarah J. Oxford. His parents were excellent people of their county, and gave their son the heritage of a good name.

Mr. Oxford has never held nor asked for public office. He is serving his third year as Chief of Police of the city of Dawson. In that capacity he has rendered the town splendid service, and is one of the most popular officials in that section of the State.

Mr. Oxford is an enthusiastic fraternity man. He is Noble Grand of the Dawson lodge of Odd Fellows, and is also Senior Warden of the Masonic lodge.

COL. H. L. SCHLESINGER.

HARRY LIONEL SCHLESINGER, one of the most prominent manufacturers and business men of Atlanta, was born in Vienna, Austria, on the 9th of November, 1856. His father, Leopold Schlesinger, served with Emperor Franz Joseph with distinction in both civil and military positions, and his grandfather, M. Weis, held for years an important official position in Hungary.

Mr. Schlesinger was married at Rome, Ga., July 6, 1881, and has five children—Rae C., Joseph A., Elizabeth B., Harry F. and Alexis M. Mrs. Schlesinger's grandfather, Abraham Alexander, served in the Revolutionary army as a First Lieutenant. Mrs. Schlesinger is, by virtue of

her distinguished ancestry, a Daughter of the American Revolution and also a Daughter of the Confederacy.

Mr. Schlesinger is one of the leading business men of the city of Atlanta, and has been prominently connected with various public enterprises. He has been noted for some years for his charitable work and has been the prime movant in many of the most worthy charitable movements in this city in recent years. He is not ostentatious with his work for the relief of the suffering and destitute, but his deeds have made him known far and wide, and many appeals for aid are made to him, none of which go unnoticed. Mr. Schlesinger was one of the first to advocate organized and systematic relief in the city of Atlanta, and the improvement in this respect in recent years is largely traceable to his efforts. He is an open-hearted and generous gentleman, always ready to lend his aid to any good cause, and public-spirited in the highest degree and always ready to further the industrial and commercial interests of his adopted city. His appointment to the staff of the Governor of his State is a deserved tribute to one of the best citizens of the Capital City

COL. L. M. HEARD.

LUTHER MARTIN HEARD, of Elberton, is cashier and vice-president of the Citizens Bank of that city, and has for several years been foremost in the financial affairs of that city. He is the son of R. M. and Mrs. L. H. Heard, and was born in Elberton, June 10, 1869.

Mr. Heard has been an active worker in the party ranks for several years. He is a member of the executive committee of his county and congressional district, and also of the State Executive Committee. Not an office seeker himself, he has found time to be of splendid service to the party and to such of his friends as were candidates. Mr. Heard has been in the banking business in Elberton since 1893, when he was made cashier of the Bank of Elberton. He held the position for eight years and is now connected with the Citizens Bank in the capacity mentioned above.

Mr. Heard is a descendant of Governor Stephen Heard. This distinguished personage was Chief Executive of Georgia many years ago. His splendid character and admirable personality left a deep impress upon the State. The family has been very prominent in Northeast Georgia since the early days. The blood of valiant revolutionary ancestry flows in the veins of the members of the present family.

Since gaining his education and entering upon the serious duties of life Mr. Heard has worthily upheld the traditions of the family. He has been very successful in his business. He has gained and held the confidence and goodwill of the people of his county. Public spirited and progressive, he takes a prominent part in all the public movements in his town. He may always be counted on to bear his share in any undertaking for the good of the people among whom he resides.

Mr. Heard is related to Hon. L. H. O. Martin, one of Elbert's able Representatives in the present House.

COL. E. M. DAVIS.

ERNEST M. DAVIS was born in Stewart county, Georgia, in the year 1875. He is a son of Rev. B. W. Davis, who was at one time pastor of the Camilla Baptist church. Mr. Davis was educated at the public schools and at Mercer University. He was admitted to the bar at Camilla in 1898. He has been court reporter for the Superior Courts of the Albany circuit for many years, which office he still holds. He enjoys a good practice as a lawyer and is one of the most popular and influential stenographers in the State. His official position and law practice take him into nearly every county in Southwest Georgia with more or less frequency, and everywhere he goes he is a favorite with every one. It is doubtful if another man in that section of the State has as many friends as Mr. Davis has. He is small in stature, but is great in every otherway —bright of mind and great of heart. He is a brilliant

conversationalist, and his repertoire of humorous short sketches is apparently inexhaustible. Mr. Davis is also a strong factor in the business world, dealing in real estate, farming and being interested in numerous corporations and other business.

Mr. Davis resides at Camilla.

COL. SHELBY MYRICK.

SHELBY MYRICK has had a remarkable career for one of his years. He was born in Forsyth, Monroe county, July 16, 1878. His father, Bascom Myrick, was a well-known newspaper man of the State. Mr. Bascom Myrick was editor of the Americus Times-Recorder at the time of his death. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Marie Louise Myrick, mother of the subject of this sketch, has continued the publication of the paper and made it one of the most influential journals in the State. She is a brilliant newspaper woman, and her work has challenged the admiration of the journalistic fraternity throughout the South. Mr. Myrick graduated at the University of Georgia in the class of 1897. He had studied law during his course in college and received his degrees, A. B. and B. L. at the same time. In college he was a prominent figure in fraternity and society circles and took high rank in his studies.

After completing his college course, Mr. Myrick moved to Savannah to engage in the practice of law. He received the appointment of Referee in Bankruptcy, United States Court, Southern District of Georgia, at the hands of Judge Emory Speer. His work in this capacity has been highly complimented by the reviewing authorities. In 1901 Mr. Myrick was elected Judge of the Police Court of Savannah, which position he has since filled

with marked ability. He is probably the youngest man who ever filled that position. Mr. Myrick is a member of the Citizens' Club, the leading political organization of Savannah, and takes great interest in municipal, county and State politics. He has had a splendid career, and his friends are confident that still further honors await him.

COL. R. L. SWATTS.

ROBERT LEE SWATTS, of Barnesville, is one of the widely known members of the Staff. He has numerous friends scattered throughout the entire State, and his appointment was from every standpoint a happy one. Mr. Swatts was born at Barnesville, August 21, 1864. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Swatts, were highly esteemed people of Pike county, and their son inherited from them many admirable traits of character.

Mr. Swatts was married at Forsyth, Ga., December 18, 1889, to Miss Mary Hammond, a member of one of the leading families of that place. They have one child, Henry Hammond Swatts.

Mr. Swatts is engaged in farming, and is one of the largest planters in his section of the State. Three miles southeast of Barnesville he has a splendid farm, which is one of the most valuable in the county. Mr. Swatts has not been an active politician. He has served the city of Barnesville as Mayor pro tem., and for six consecutive years was a member of the City Council, where he rendered the city excellent service.

Mr. Swatts take great interest in the development of Barnesville. That little city is one of the most progressive towns in the State. It is a splendid educational center. Gordon Institute, one of the most famous military schools in the South, is located there. The town is also noted for its annual Chatauqua. At each session of this institution large numbers of people from all sections of the State gather at Barnesville. In such matters as these Mr. Swatts is one of the leading spirits

COL. R. F. OUSLEY.

ROBERT F. OUSLEY, of Valdosta, is a leading business man of that thriving city, and is prominently identified with its best interests. Beside having important business interests, Colonel Ousley has been active in the political life of the town and county. He represented Lowndes in the House during the years 1898-9, 1900-01, and took a prominent part in the work of that body. Colonel Ousley was married at Harperville, Miss., June 8, 1884, to Miss Sue L. Beaman. They have three children—Mary, Louise and Gladys.

During the campaign for Governor Mr. Ousley was a warm supporter of Governor Terrell. He took an active part in the campaign in his county.

COL. T. M. MIDDLEBROOK.

THIS particular member of the staff has smelt powder in actual war although scare a quarter of a century has passed over his head. Thomas M. Middlebrook is a son of Senator Lucius L. Middlebrook, of Covington, Georgia, and was born in Covington on the eleventh of May, 1878. He is a farmer by occupation and his appointment to the staff was received with great satisfaction by the people of that section.

Mr. Middlebrok served through the Cuban campaign as a member of the Second Georgia Regiment, and after that organization was mustered out he was not satisfied with his military experience and enlisted for

another term. He went to the Philippines as a private in the Eleventh Volunteer Cavalry and served as private, corporal and quartermaster sergeant, his stay in the islands dating from September 5, 1899, to March 13, 1901. He made a splendid record as a soldier and was highly efficient in the discharge of his duties. After receiving his discharge, Mr. Middlebrook returned to his native county, where he has since been engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

COL. S. W. PALMER.

SAMUEL WARREN PALMER, of Millen, Ga., is engaged in the mercantile business at that place. He is a member of the firm of Daniel Sons & Palmer, one of the largest wholesale and retail concerns in an interior town in that section.

Mr. Palmer was born at Stellville, Jefferson county, April 12, 1864. His parents were William R. and Mrs. Julia Matthews Palmer. The family has been prominent in Jefferson county for a number of years. In 1887, at Millen, Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Dollie Daniel. They have three children—Mary H., James D. and Samuel Jr. Mr. Palmer has no political record other than faithful and energetic service in the ranks of the party, and an unswerving adherence to Democratic principles. He has taken a great deal of interest in recent campaigns and has done splendid service for such of his friends as were candidates.

Since locating in Millen Mr. Palmer has become a leader in the social and business life of the town. He is a business man of splendid qualifications. The firm with which he is connected has been eminently successful in its business, and much of its success is due to the energy and sagacity of this sterling young member of Governor Terrell's military staff.

COL. T. A. ADKINS.

TILDEN A. ADKINS, of Vienna, is the editor of the Vienna Semi-Weekly News, an influential newspaper published at that place. He was for several years associate editor of the Vienna Progress. In June, 1901, he established the News, which has had a prosperous career since that time. It is the official organ of the county.

Mr. Adkins was born at Drayton, Dooly county, Georgia, December 26, 1876. He was married at Vienna May 8, 1898, and has one child, Tilden duBignon Adkins.

In the gubernatorial campaign Mr. Adkins did splendid service for Governor Terrell through the columns of his paper, and his appointment to the staff is a recognition of his services.

COL. MAX JOSEPH.

MAX JOSEPH, of Athens, is one of the most prominent business men of that city, where he has resided for twenty-seven years. He was born in Gollub, West Prussia, May 3, 1853, and was educated at the Royal Gymnasium in Thorn. Being anxious for the wider opportunities afforded in America, he emigrated to this country and located at Athens in 1875.

Mr. Joseph engaged in the dry goods business in Athens and has made a splendid success, being reckoned one of the most substantial citizens of the city. He has always taken a great deal of interest in the upbuilding of his adopted town, and has been untiring in his efforts in its

behalf. He is widely known and universally beloved in Athens. Mr. Joseph is unmarried.

Mr. Joseph's only connection with politics has been as a member of the Executive Committee of Clark county, where he rendered good service. He is prominent as a worker in the ranks of several fraternal orders, having been High Priest of Keystone Chapter F. and A. M. for three years, Grand Master of the Third Veil R. A. M., 1900; Grand Captain R. A. M., 1901; the Grand Principal Sojourner R. A. M., 1902. Mr. Joseph's appointment to the staff was highly satisfactory to the people of his town and county and to his host of friends throughout the entire State.

COL. W. P. ANDREWS.

WALTER PEMBERTON ANDREWS is a North Carolinian by birth, having been born at Mount Gilead, in that State. His father, Major L. D. Andrews, was a member of one of the most prominent families of that State, and his mother, who, before marriage, was Miss Martha Pemberton, was a descendant of the famous Chief Justice John Marshall of the Supreme Court of the United States, and also closely connected through her grandmother with President William Henry Harrison, the hero of Tippecanoe.

Mr. Andrews attended the common schools of his native State and afterwards took a course at Trinity College, from which famous institution he graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After completing his collegiate course he studied in the law department of Washington and Lee University, Virginia, where so many of the South's most brilliant lawyers have studied their profession, and graduated therefrom in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Since that time Mr. Andrews has been located in Atlanta, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession with

marked success. Since coming to Atlanta, Mr. Andrews has taken a prominent part in the professional and business life of the city. While he has never entered the political arena and has never sought or held office, he has always been a consistent Democrat and an earnest worker in the ranks of the party. Mr. Andrews was married at Southampton, Long Island, July 1, 1899, to Miss Leontine Chisholm. Mr. Andrews is a member of the law firm of Andrews & Skeen, of Atlanta, and stands high in the ranks of the profession in the city. His appointment to the staff of Governor Terrell met with the warm approbation of an extended circle of friends who rejoice at the honor worthily bestowed on the brilliant young attorney.

COL. GEORGE McDONALD.

GEORGE McDONALD, of Cuthbert, is president of the Bank of Cuthbert, one of the most important institutions of that little city, and is one of the leading business men. He is largely engaged in the fertilizer business, and also has extensive farming interests. Mr. McDonald has been administrator on most of the important estates in his county for the last twenty years. He has had a remarkable record in this capacity, never having had a law suit on account of his method of winding up an estate.

Mr. McDonald was born in Cuthbert, Ga., September 13, 1855, the son of Edward and Eliza McDonald. He attended the schools of Cuthbert and completed his education at the University of Georgia, graduating in 1875. He has served several times as mayor and also as alderman of Cuthbert. He was married December 2, 1885, to Miss Gertrude Gunn, of Cuthbert, and they have three children—Ethel, Annette andd John Edward McDonald. Mr. McDonald is one of the most substantial citizens of Cuthbert, and has always been identified with its best interests and most important enterprises. He is a liberal and public-spirited citizen, and his appointment to the staff has been highly commended by the people of his section.

COL. W. W. BROOKS.

WILSON W. BROOKS, of Boston, Georgia, is engaged in the mercantile business in that town, having succeeded his father a few years ago. He is the son of William M. and Mary C. Brooks, and was born at Boston, January 12, 1877. He is not married.

Mr. Brooks took an active interest in the last campaign and this was his first appearance in politics. He attended Emory College for two years, after which he taught school for awhile and then embarked in business. He has twice been honored with an election to the school board in his town and is one of the most progresive young business men of the place.

COL. D. B. JAY.

DAVID BELTON JAY, of Fitzgerald, is a practicing attorney and also an ordained minister of the Baptist church. He was born in Macon County, Georgia, October 15, 1856, the son of J. L. Jay and Priscilla Jay, nee Price.

Mr. Jay was admitted to the bar in 1885. In 1888 he was appointed judge of Calhoun County Court by Governor John B. Gordon. When the city of Fitzgerald was established Mr. Jay was among the early settlers and established a good law practice there. In 1900 Governor A. D. Candler appointed him solicitor of Irwin County Court.

Mr. Jay has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Annie M.

Clayton, whom he married May 10, 1880, at Morgan, Georgia. She died in 1901, leaving two children, Philip C. and Miss Dixie B. Jay. His second wife was Miss Carrie Jean Goebler, to whom he was married at Fitzgerald, March 8, 1902.

COL. T. R. TALMADGE.

THOMAS R. TALMADGE is a successful planter in Monroe county. He resides at Forsyth, where he is prominent in the various activities of the town. He is a deacon in the Baptist church, and is also superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Talmadge takes great interest in religious and educational matters. He has been for some time chairman of the Board of Education of Monroe county, and is also a trustee of Monroe Female College, having been elected to the latter position by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Mr. Talmadge was born in Forsyth August 3, 1858. His parents were Thomas R. and Amanda P. Talmadge. October 5, 1881, he was married at Forsyth to Miss Carrie Roberts, and to them have been born five children —Mary Lynn, Eugene, Nettie, Banks and Lucile.

COL. E. H. CLAY.

EUGENE HERBERT CLAY is one of the youngest members of the staff. He is a son of United States Senator A. S. Clay, and resides at Marietta. He was born at Marietta, October 3, 1881. Mr. Clay was a student at the University of Georgia last session and president of the Terrell Club. This club was composed of students of the University, and its members were enthusiastic supporters of Governor Terrell. The Governor has always manifested great interest in the University and is a firm friend of its students. He has shown his appreciation of their efforts

in his behalf by appointing two of the leading members of the University Terrell Club to membership on his personal staff. Mr. Clay is a student of law, and his friends predict for him a bright career. He is an able and industrious student, and, should chance favor him, may duplicate the success that has attended his distinguished father.

COL. C. G. JOHNSON.

CHARLES G. JOHNSON, of Columbus, has been prominently identified with the business life of that city for several years. He was born at Hamilton, Harris county, June 18, 1861. He moved to Columbus before reaching his majority and accepted a position with the J. K. Orr Shoe Co. He has been actively connected with this corporation for twenty-two years, and is now serving as vice-president. The headquarters of the company are in Atlanta, but Mr. Johnson is in charge of the Columbus office.

He has never aspired to public office and has no political record in that respect. He was appointed upon the staff of Governor W. Y. Atkinson, and was a popular and efficient member of the same. He is an old friend of the present Governor and was an active supporter of his candidacy.

COL. A. G. GOLUCKE.

ALVIN GORDON GOLUCKE, of Crawfordville, Georgia, is the youngest member of Governor Terrell's military family. He was born at Crawfordville, August 13, 1884, and has but recently celebrated his eighteenth birthday. His youth did not prevent his taking an active part in the last campaign, and he was active in the support of the candidacy of the gentleman who has appointed him to his present position.

During the campaign Mr. Golucke was chairman of the University of

Georgia Terrell Club Executive Committee, and in that capacity did yeoman service for his candidate. After his return to Crawfordville at the end of the college year, he took charge of the Taliaferro County News. He made The News one of the liveliest papers in Middle Georgia, and gave the candidates of his choice splendid support. The actove support of The News was responsible for the success of several candidates in Taliaferro.

At the opening of the University of Georgia, Mr. Golucke returned to Athens to resume his studies. He is a member of the class of 1904 and takes an active part in college life. His appointment to the staff was received with great gratification by the students of the University, the majority of whom were staunch supporters of Governor Terrell in his campaign.

COL. J. VAN HOLT NASH.

JOSEPH VAN HOLT NASH, Lieutenant-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Terrell, is one of the most prominent figures in military circles in the State and has been connected with State troops for several years. He began his military career as private in the Atlanta Rifles, August 3, 1886, and was successively corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant and captain. He served in the Second Georgia Regiment during the Spanish-American war in 1898, ranking as captain. He served on the staffs of Governor W. Y. Atkinson and also on that of Governor A. D. Candler. He ranked as major of the Fifth Infantry, G. S. T., from February 1, 1900, until September 17, 1901. October 25, 1901, he retired from the service with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Colonel Nash was born at Petersburg, Virginia, April 11, 1868. He moved to Atlanta in 1878 and was educated at the Georgia Military Academy in Savannah, and at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia. He is one of the managers of the Southern department of the American Book Company.

COL. W. W. BANKS.

WILLIAM W. BANKS, of Tifton, is one of the substantial business men of that growing little city. He has been a resident of Tifton for several years and since locating there has been prominent in the business and social life of the place. He is cashier of the Bank of Tifton and is also interested in other financial and industrial corporations.

Mr. Banks was born at Griffin, February 24, 1874, the son of J. T. and Mrs. Mary A. Banks. At Senoia, Georgia, June 10, 1896, he was married to Miss Mary E. Towns. He has had considerable experience in the banking business and is considered one of the most efficient cashiers in the State.

COL. A. M. DuBOSE.

ANDREW MILLER DuBOSE, so named for his kinsman, Andrew J. Miller, of Augusta, Georgia, is the second son of Colonel Charles W. DuBose and Kate A. DuBose, of Sparta, Georgia; a brother of Charles S. DuBose, of Warrenton, Georgia, Dr. Wm. R. DuBose, a distinguished surgeon in the United States Navy, and Dr. George P. DuBose, of Washington, D. C.

He was born at Sparta, Georgia, July 16, 1851. After graduating at the University of Georgia in the class of 1870, with Chancellor Walter B. Hill, N. E. Harris, W. Dessan, Judge Roney and others of that noted class, he studied law with his father and was admitted to the

bar in 1872. He was married to Miss Mary C. Simonton, of Mt. Zion, Georgia, a most accomplished young lady, on May 5, 1873.

As a lawyer he is popular and quite successful. He was postmaster for twelve years, which office he resigned to take his seat in the Legislature, to which he was elected. He served in the Legislature of 1878-79, with ex-Governor W. J. Northen, the other member from Hancock; his father being in the Senate at the same time, and both from the same county. Since then he has devoted his time to the practice of his profession and his large farming interests. He is a man of kind and gentle disposition, a gentleman of the old school, of polished manner, and noted for his integrity and truthfulness of character, of fine judgment and is an orator of no mean ability. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a Master Mason, in fact, a true Christian gentleman, generous and noble.

COL. T. R. K. ROGERS.

THOMAS R. KENDALL ROGERS, of Swainsboro, Emanuel county, is one of the most popular members of Governor Terrell's military family. He is a native of Upson county, having been born at Thomaston July 27, 1875. He is the son of Jas. H. Rogers and Lula Kendall Rogers.

Mrs. Lula Kendall Rogers, mother of the subject of this sketch is one of the best known ladies in the State, being a writer of no mean ability and a leading member of the Daughters of the Revolution, and also of the Daughters of the Confederacy. A chapter of the Children of the Confederacy at Tennille is named in honor of Mrs. Rogers.

Thomas R. K. Rogers is unmarried. He has two sisters—Mrs. H. M. Franklin, of Tennille, wife of Hon. Herbert M. Franklin, who is a representative of Washington county in the Legislature, and Mrs. J. A. McCrary, of Barnesville, wife of J. A. McCrary, cashier of the National Bank of Barnes-

ville. Mr. Rogers is cashier of the Bank of Swainsboro. He took great interest in the recent gubernatorial campaign and was actively instrumental in Governor Terrell's success in carrying Emanuel county.

COL. HARRY SILVERMAN.

HARRY SILVERMAN, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Georgia State Troops, has been prominently identified with the State militia for quite a number of years. He was a member of the Gate City Guards for several years and was one of the staunchest supporters of that organization. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he was commissioned lieutenant in the Third Georgia Regiment under Colonel John S. Candler, and raised a company of sharpshooters. When Governor Candler was inaugurated he appointed Colonel Silverman a member of his staff. He served in this capacity throughout both administrations of Governor Candler and resigned at the close of his chief's term of office. Governor Terrell appointed him lieutenant-colonel and assistant quartermaster-general at the beginning of his administration.

COL. SHEPARD BRYAN.

SHEPARD BRYAN is one of the best known young attorneys of the city of Atlanta. He is a native of New Berne, North Carolina. His father, Judge Henry R. Bryan, is one of the foremost attorneys of that State. In 1890 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, which position he still holds, and is considered to be one of the most able jurists occupying the bench of North Carolina. Mr. Bryan was born at New Berne, December 8, 1871.

Mr. Bryan came to Atlanta several years ago and entered upon the practice of law. He soon established a reputation as one of the best

lawyers of his age in the city, and has been successful in establishing a lucrative practice. Mr. Bryan has taken a great deal of interest in political matters since his residence in Atlanta. He was a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Fulton County in 1899. He has also served as president of the Young Men's Democratic League of Fulton county, a prominent political organization. He has taken an active part in furthering the political aspirations of a number of his friends. Mr. Bryan is a ready speaker, logical and convincing in his style, and is destined to take higher rank at the bar in his maturer years.

In North Carolina the Bryan family has been prominent for many years. John Bryan, an ancestor of the subject of this sketch, was a colonel of North Carolina troops in the Revolution. John H. Bryan, grandfather of Shepard Bryan, was a member of Congress from North Carolina from 1825 until 1829.

COL. J. W. WEST.

JOHN WARD WEST is a native of Campbell County, Georgia, where he was born October 12, 1876. He lived during his early years on a farm and attended the Bethsaida school. He is a teacher by profession, having begun his pedagogical career in Henry County at the age of eighteen.

Mr. West entered the North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega at twenty-one years of age and completed the course. During his entire college life he was a model student, never received a demerit or missed the Blue List—the roll of honor. He also won medals for declamation, mathematics and science.

This year Mr. West was elected to the chair of mathematics at Reinhardt Normal College, at Waleska. He is also commandant of cadets at this institution. Mr. West is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity.

COL. L. B. NORTON.

LEMUEL B. NORTON, of Lithonia, was born in DeKalb County, Georgia, January 25, 1869. He is a member of a well known and prominent family of that county.

For several years Mr. Norton has been in engaged in the practice of law in Lithonia and does a good practice in DeKalb and contiguous counties. He is well known in Atlanta and has a host of friends in this city and throughout the State who are pleased with the honor conferred upon him in the appointment to the staff of the Governor.

COL. G. W. DUNCAN.

GEORGE W. DUNCAN, of Macon, is a South Carolinian by birth, having been born near Greenville, in that State, February 22, 1852. His father, Perry E. Duncan, was a prominent public man of his State and signed the order of secession which separated South Carolina from the Union. His mother, Mrs. Mary E. Duncan, was at the head of the sewing society in Greenville County which toiled throughout the entire war preparing clothing for the soldiers. Several times she took clothing and supplies for the wounded to the front and personally supervised their distribution.

Mr. Duncan was married in Macon, January 23, 1884, to Miss Carrie Tracy Johnson, of that city. They have three children, George W., Jr.; Anne Tracy and John Baxter. He has been a resident of Macon for about

twenty years and is one of the leading business men of that city. He is engaged in the real estate business and handles a great deal of property of every description. He has organized a number of prominent and successful enterprises in this State, and is justly regarded as one of its most popular and progressive men.

Mr. Duncan has often been solicited to stand for office but has never consented, preferring to remain in private life and attend to the demands of his constantly increasing business.

COL. LAWSON STAPLETON.

LAWSON STAPLETON may be safely said to have as wide a personal acquaintance among the people of Georgia as any member of the staff. He was born in Webster county, Georgia, September 3, 1857. His parents were George J. and Mrs. Martha E. Stapleton. Mr. Stapleton was married in Americus April 11, 1888, to Miss Leila Lee Davenport, of that city. They have two children—Lawson D. and Frank D. Stapleton.

Until he reached his majority, Mr. Stapleton resided on his father's farm. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in the shoe business, and has made the reputation of being one of the best salesmen in the South. He began his career with Singleton, Hunt & Co., of Macon. Afterwards he was connected with Moore, Marsh & Co., of Atlanta, and then with Inman, Smith & Co., of Atlanta. He is now on the road for Everett-Ridley-Ragan Co., handling their Cannon Ball Shoes. Mr. Stapleton's record as a traveling salesman is splendid, and he sold more shoes for Inman, Smith & Co. than any man they had on the road. It is also claimed that Mr. Stapleton's trade outranked any salesman's record in the entire South.

He has traveled throughout the entire State of Georgia for a number of years, and is well known through its entire extent. He is one of the most

popular men on the road, and his entire circle of acquaintance is pleased at his appointment to the staff of Governor Terrell. He has never been a politician, and the appointment is a recognition of his worth as a man.

COL. THOMAS EGLESTON.

THOMAS EGLESTON, Lieutenant-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Terrell, was born at Charleston, South Carolina, and was educated in the private schools of that city. In 1872 he moved to Atlanta, and that year began his connection with the fire insurance business. In his chosen pursuit Mr. Egleston has won signal success and is one of the leading figures in the field in the South. He is now general agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. He has been president of the Southeastern Tariff Association and a member of its executive commitee for years. In 1901 Mr. Egleston was elected to the House of Representatives to fill an unexpired term and was a valued member of the body. Governor Candler, the same year, appointed him a member of the depot commission.

Mr. Egleston is very popular in Atlanta and is one of the city's most influential business men. He has never been a political figure nor an aspirant for office other than that mentioned above.

COL. W. H. C. WHEATLEY.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD WHEATLEY, of Americus, is a prominent business and professional man of that city, where he was born December 6, 1866. He is the son of John W. Wheatley, and grandson of Hon. William H. Crawford, one of the most distinguished citizens the State of Georgia has ever produced. William H. Crawford was a notable figure in national politics in his day. He was minister to France dur-

ing the Madison Administration. Under President James Monroe he served as Secretary of War, and also as Secretary of the Treasury.

Crawford Wheatley was married at Americus, October 12, 1899, to Miss Helen Huntington. He is a mechanical engineer by profession and has been in charge of the construction of some important plants. In 1887 he was engineer in charge of the waterworks of Americus. Later he resigned and was made superintendent of the Americus Guano Company's works. For a time he was a member of the firm of C. M. Wheatley & Company, and was afterwards vice-president and manager of the Americus Construction Company. Several years ago he was president of the Americus Refrigerating Company, and is now secretary and treasurer of the Sheffield-Huntington Company. Mr. Wheatley is also largely engaged in planting, owning and operating two splendid plantations. He is widely and favorably known throughout Southwest Georgia, and has a host of friends in that section who heartily approve of his appointment to the staff.

COL. G. W. CLOWER.

GEORGE WILLIAM CLOWER was born in Meriwether county, Georgia, January 9, 1848. His parents were Cyrus J. and Mrs. M. A. Clower. He is a physician by profession and has practiced for many years. In the territory around his home he has established a lucrative practice, and is one of the leading physicians of the section.

Dr. Clower has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Josephine O. Lambert, whom he married in 1868. She died, leaving one child, Dr. Thomas Z. Clower, of Grantville. In 1876 Dr. Clower was married to Miss Martha C. Bellamy, Grantville, by whom he has had five children. Their names are: Robert H., William L., Mary V., Sallie P. and George P. Clower.

Dr. Clower has taken a prominent part in the politics of his section for a

number of years. He served seven years as mayor and councilman of Grantville. He also represented his county in the House in 1900-01. While a member of the House he was considered to be one of the best and safest legislators in that body.

COL. G. E. DEADWYLER, Jr.

GEORGE EBERHART DEADWYLER, Jr., resides at Mayesville. He is engaged in merchandising there and is one of the most successful merchants in the county. He has been in business in Mayesville since January 1, 1895. He is the son of George and Mary Deadwyler, and was born in Jackson County, June 12, 1871. Mr. Deadwyler has never held political office, having confined his attention since attaining manhood to the demands of his business. Close and unremitting attention to business detail has made him successful in his chosen pursuit. He is one of the leading citizens of his town, and was a warm supporter of Governor Terrell in his campaign.

COL. R. R. HOPKINS.

ROBERT R. HOPKINS, of Brunswick, is a well-known business man of that city, where he has resided for several years. He was born in Wayne county, Georgia, June 4, 1855. His parents were Dr. T. S. Hopkins and Mrs. J. E. Hopkins, nee Gignilliatt, both members of excellent families in that section of the State. Mr. Hopkins is a brother of Senator H. W. Hopkins, of Thomasville, who is now a member of the Senate.

He was married in Savannah, Ga., April 17, 1884, to Miss Mary L. Hunter, and they have five children —John H., Robert R., Thomas, Marie L., Elizabeth G. He has been actively engaged in the real estate business in Brunswick for several years, and is one of the leading citizens.

COL. J. H. SMITH.

JAMES HENRY SMITH, of Griffin, is one of the most thorough military men on the staff. He is well-fitted by training and education for the position to which he has been appointed by the commander-in-chief of the military forces of the State.

Mr. Smith was born in Coweta county, Georgia, November 28, 1864, the son of J. C. and Mrs. Lucy G. Smith. He has been a resident of Griffin for several years, and has served the city as alderman continuously since 1898. He has recently been elected for the term which expires in 1904.

Mr. Smith enlisted as a private in the Griffin Rifles in 1891 and reached the grade of sergeant. In 1894 he was appointed captain and commissary in the Fifth Regiment. Since 1899 he has been captain of the Griffin Rifles. He received his military education while a student at the University of Georgia. Mr. Smith is cashier of the Savings Bank of Griffin, having held the position since 1892.

COL. C. W. CRANKSHAW.

CHARLES WEIR CRANKSHAW is a well-known business man of Atlanta, where he has resided throughout his entire life. He is the son of Hamilton Crankshaw and Mrs. Mary Alice Crankshaw. Mr. Crankshaw is by occupation a jeweler and diamond merchant. He has built up a splendid business in the city, and has been highly successful in his commercial career. He has been devoted to his business and has had neither time nor inclination to enter political life. He is one of the most popular men in Atlanta, and has always been one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens. His appointment to the staff of Governor Terrell has been received with warm encomiums by his host of friends throughout the State.

Mr. Crankshaw was married in Atlanta October 3, 1894, to Miss Mary Marsh, a member of one of the most prominent families of the city.

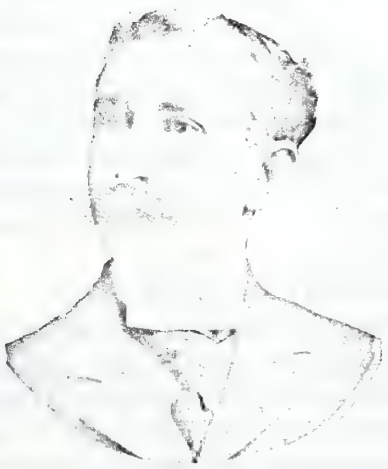
COL. DU LANY WOOTEN.

DU LANY WOOTEN, of Albany, is a North Carolinian by birth, but has been a resident of Albany for several years.

Since becoming a resident of that city he has taken a prominent part in the politics of the county and town. He has served as a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, and also as a delegate to the State convention of the party.

Mr. Wooten has never entered the political lists in his own behalf, but has been a hard worker for his friends. He is very popular in Albany, and his appointment has been highly commended.

COL. W. Z. HENDERSON.



WILLIAM Z. HENDERSON, of Hampton, is one of the most popular young citizens of Henry county. He is a son of Mr. A. I. Henderson, and was born in Hampton on July 23, 1872.

Mr. Henderson is unmarried. He has never entered political life, contenting himself with service in the ranks of the party. In this capacity he has rendered yeoman service to the organization, and for such of his friends as were seeking office.

During the recent campaign Mr. Henderson was a staunch supporter of Governor Terrell's candidacy. His appointment is well deserved, and he will be a valuable member of the staff.

COL. G. P. KISER.

GORDON P. KISER is a prominent business man of the city of Atlanta. He is member of a family which has long taken a leading part in the development of the city.

Mr. Kiser was born in Cobb county, Georgia, November 2, 1867, the son of Meriwether P. and Mrs. Sarah A. Kiser. He has been a resident of Atlanta for several years.

Mr. Kiser has never entered politics. His appointment to the staff came as a recognition of his personal worth. He is a warm friend and supporter of the Governor, and will be a splendid addition to his military staff.

COL. G. N. JONES.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES, of Savannah, Lieutenant-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Joseph M. Terrell, is a scion of an old and distinguished Georgia family. He was born at Savannah, November 6, 1874, the son of George Fenwick Jones and Anna Wylly Jones, nee Habersham.

Mr. Jones is a lawyer by profession, having graduated at the Law School of the University of Georgia in 1896. He is engaged in the practice of his profession in Savannah and has secured for himself a good practice. He is an able attorney and stands well among his professional brethren. There are few more popular young men in the city of Savannah than Mr. Jones and his appointment was received with wide-spread approbation.

COL. A. G. FOSTER.

ALBERT GALLATIN FOSTER, of Madison, Georgia, is one of the popular young members of the staff of Governor Terrell. He is a native of Madison, where he was born October 16, 1873. He is the son of Judge Fred C. Foster, of Madison. Judge Foster has been for many years one of the most prominent attorneys in that section of the State, and now is Judge of the Oconee circuit, embracing a number of the most prominent counties in middle Georgia.

Mr. Foster is a lawyer by profession and is engaged in the practice of his profession at Madison. He attended the University of Georgia and has a host of friends among the students and alumni of that institution, and is also well known throughout the entire State. He has never actively engaged in political life, but has been for several years in close touch with many of the leading men of the State. He has rendered material assistance to a number of his friends who were candidates for office, and his political career has been confined to service in this capacity. He is one of the leading young lawyers in his locality and has a bright future before him in his chosen profession.

COL. J. K. OHL.

JOSIAH KINGSLEY OHL, journalist and globe-trotter, of Atlanta and Washington, is another member of Governor Terrell's staff who will wear the uniform becomingly and bravely. Mr. Ohl is a native of Pennsylvania, but spent his boyhood in Ohio, and came to Georgia shortly after attaining his majority. His father, Rev. John Franklin Ohl, is a prominent Episcopalian clergyman in Pennsylvania, and the family has been well known in that State since Revolutionary days. On his mother's side, he is connected with the Mason, Lathrop and Ray families of New England and Virginia.

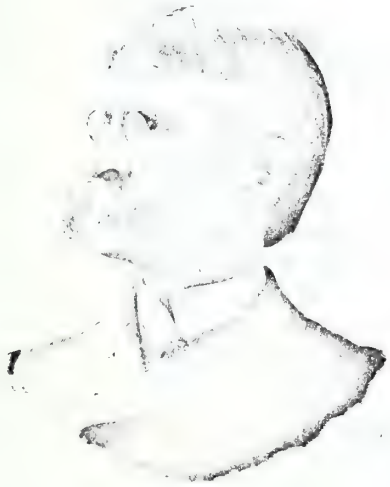
Mr. Ohl attended Kenyon College, Ohio, of which his father was an early graduate. After leaving that institution he entered newspaper work in Toledo and Columbus, coming to Atlanta in 1887 as a member of the local staff of the Constitution. He has been continuously connected with that paper since that time in the capacity of reporter, dramatic editor, city editor, night editor, associate editor and Washington correspondent. He has had no political career, but has at all times paid especial attention to political work, and has covered all the leading national, State and other political conventions and gatherings and big news events. In 1901 Mr. Ohl made a trip to the Philip-

pine Islands for the Constitution, accompanying the Congressional party which made a tour of investigation into conditions there. This involved a trip around the world, and his letters to the Constitution descriptive of places and conditions in the regions visited made him a wide reputation in this field into which he had not previously ventured.

In 1899 Mr. Ohl was married to Miss Maude Annulet Andrews, daughter of Dr. Henry F. Andrews, of Washington, Wilkes county, Georgia, and there has been born to them one child—Joan Kingsley Ohl. Mrs. Ohl is a writer of repute, having done a great deal of splendid work for the Constitution and other papers. Of late she has been devoting herself to writing poetry and short stories for the leading magazines.

Beside representing the Constitution at Washington, Mr. Ohl is also correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph and other papers abroad. In 1901 he was given the honorary degree of Master of Arts by Kenyon College. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon College Fraternity, the Capital City and Piedmont clubs of Atlanta, the Century and Iroquois clubs at Washington and the D. K. E. Club in New York. His Atlanta residence is 327 Spring street, and in Washington he resides in Cleveland Park.

COL. S. W. SMALL.



THERE is no member of the military staff of Governor Terrell who is half so well known to the people of the State of Georgia and the country in general as Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel White Small, journalist and lecturer, clergyman and soldier, who has been distinguished in many fields of activity for more than a score of years, and who is equally at home in the pulpit or editorial sanctum or on the platform or tented field.

Tennessee claims Mr. Small as her son, for the versatile subject of this sketch was born in Knoxville, in the Volunteer State, July 3, 1851. His father was Alexander B Small, who served in the Mexican war with the Fifth Tennessee Infantry, and during the Civil War was Colonel on the personal staff of Jefferson Davis,

President of the Confederate States of America. His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Eliza White, whose grandfather, Caleb White, was a soldier of the Revolution, and her father, Samuel White, served in the Cherokee war of 1836. Coming from a family with such strong military proclivities, it is no wonder that Mr. Small has always had a fondness for things military and that during his life the cassock has alternated with the uniform and the pen with the sword.

At Greenville, Tenn., February 22, 1873, Mr. Small was married to Miss Annie Isabelle Arnold, daughter of Gen. Thomas D. Arnold and sister of Messrs. Reuben and Frank A. Arnold, of Atlanta. To them have been born three children—Loretta, Sam W., Jr., and Robert Toombs Small. Mr. Small's residence is in Atlanta, where he is connected with the Atlanta Constitution in an editorial capacity.

Mr. Small began his career as private secretary to ex-President Andrew Johnson, in which capacity he remained during the years 1872-3. In 1874-5 he was Assistant Immigration Commissioner of Texas. From 1876 to 1886 he was official reporter of the Atlanta circuit, and during that time also acted as assistant secretary of the American Commissioners to the Paris Exposition in 1878, as official reporter of the Constitutional Convention of Georgia in 1877, and as official reporter for various committees of the United States Senate under Senator B. H. Hill. In the course of his experiences during these years Mr. Small was thrown into close contact with many of the nation's most eminent men, and his writings in a reminiscential vein possess great historical value.

Mr. Small is one of the leading journalists of the South, and has also displayed from time to time splendid ability as evangelist, lecturer and litterateur. In each sphere he has won reputation and is a worthy ornament to either.

In 1898 he was appointed Captain and Chaplain of the Third United States Volunteer Engineers and served nearly two years in that capacity. While in Cuba with the engineers he was also Superintendent of Public Instruction in the provinces of Santa Clara and Matanzas.

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